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of the Descendants

of

JOHAN FRIEDRICH REITZ

The Pioneer

Who landed at Philadelphia, Pa.

September 7, 1748

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A REITZ COAT OF ARMS
Of the Reitz Clan in Europe, adopted Centuries ago. The Motto is in Latin and means "Greeting from or with the Cross," "Grusz vom Kreuz."

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PREFACE

A Reitz Family History and Record Book has been desired for a long time. It had truly been regarded as a stupendous and laborious undertaking, and by some as too difficult for accomplishment. Several years ago the Reitz Reunion decided to publish it. And the great task fell to the lot of the author. We have hopefully worked at it for years at our leisure, and cheerfully endeavored to gather the records of all dear and affectionate blood relatives, the descendants of Pioneer Johan Friedrich Reitz, to preserve their full names, birth, death, burial place, marriage, parents, children, occupation and residence. After years of difficult research we have finally obtained many official records from Europe of the ancestors of our Pioneer Johan Friedrich Reitz, tracing them completely back to near the middle of the 17th. century, or about 1670. The Reitz people have scattered to all parts, the residence and even names of some are unknown to us, wherefore records are difficult to obtain, and in some cases not available. We have however tried and tried again to find them. In many cases surprising results rewarded the strenuous efforts. With great pleasure and affectionate feelings for one's own blood relations we have opened the many letters bringing the desired records and tabulated and written them out.

We heartily acknowledge the general support and kind help and cooperation of many in the matter. Some have furnished very complete records, while others only meagre ones, and the author had to accept and arrange what he had received. Mistakes are very apt to happen in such a work, but we have tried very hard to avoid any and all mistakes.

During the many years while serving as pastor of congregations the author often noted the carelessness in keeping family records, which often became lost. Even tombstones, which were carefully erected many years ago by loving

hands to preserve the memory and records of their dear departed, were often found neglected and sometimes even carelessly cast away, when unfortunately sometimes all available records were lost.

In this book we try to preserve for all time, and especially for the coming generations, the Reitz Family Records, for the pleasure and information of all readers. We beg the reader to make allowance for incompleteness in this book and where some are not included, which is by no means intentional; all of which is left for a revised and more complete future edition. It should be remarked that the many Reitz people, regardless of their praiseworthy ancestoral heritage, good qualities, accomplishments and achievements, are all human and have their faults just like others; but generally we feel very proud of them as the Reitz Clan, and let faults alone. The most cordial and affectionate feelings for all Reitz Relatives, and the prayer for better and stronger family ties and mutual appreciation of one's own kin, accompany this book.

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REITZ NATIVE LAND

It has long been a foremost question among the many Reitz people, especially of the present generation, from what land or country their ancestors came. Pioneer Johan Friedrich Reitz, the progenitor of most of the Reitzes in Lehigh Co., Pa. and adjacent parts and elsewhere, who landed at Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 7, 1748, came from the Southwestern part of Germany. We consider ourselves very fortunate in having secured copies of the official records tracing the Reitz lineage completely back to 1690, some of which will be presented in this book. Johan Friedrich Reitz emigrated in 1748 from Flörsbach, at that time in the Principality of Hanau, but now (1930) in the District of Gelnhausen, Reg. Bez. Kassel, Province of Hessen-Nassau, belonging to Prussia, Germany; and from thence he came to Philadelphia, Pa. The location is several miles east of the City of Hanau and about 40 miles east of the large City of Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany. The Germans kept very complete and satisfactory records for centuries, especially in their churches where clergymen were paid state officials whose duty, among other things, was to make and preserve careful complete family records.

1690—GENEALOGY

The ancestors of the Pioneer Johan Friedrich Reitz, who came to Philadelphia Sept. 7, 1748, as

taken from the official records of the Flörsbach and Kempfenbrunn Lutheran Church Parish, in the District of Gelnhausen, Hessen-Nassau, Germany.

JOHANNES REITZ, was the great-grandfather of Johan Friedrich Reitz, and lived at 1690 at Röhrig, in the Biebergrund Parish, District of Gelnhausen, and not far from Flörsbach, which is several miles east of the City of Hanau, Germany.

JOHANNES REITZ, son of Johannes Reitz of Röhrig, now belonging to the Bieber Lutheran Church, in the District of Gelnhausen, and Anna Barbara Friedrich, daughter of Stoffel Friedrich, of Lohrhaupten, Seulbach, held their engagement services Jan. 15, 1690, and their marriage ceremony Feb. 11, 1690. They were the grandparents of Pioneer Johan Friedrich Reitz.

JOHANNES PETER REITZ, (also called Hans Peter, Johann Peter, or only Peter), son of Johannes and Anna Barbara (Friedrich) Reitz, of Röhrig (now Bieber Luth. Church) Gelnhausen, born Dec. 3, 1690, baptized the same day, the sponsor being Peter Freund, son of Hans Freund (a smith or tailor); married Jan. 4, 1715 Magdalena Weygand, born on the day of Simonis and Judae, 1687, daughter of Niclas Weygand, of Lohrhaupten, baptized on the same day, the sponsor being Magdalena, housewife of Peter Kesler. Johannes Peter Reitz died and was buried Dec. 2, 1732,

aged 41½ years. His wife Magdalena (Weygand) Reitz died and was buried A. D. 1740, aged 53 years. They lived at Lohrhaupten and were the parents of Johan Friedrich Reitz.

JOHANN FRIEDRICH REITZ, (the Pioneer) son of Johannes Peter and Magdalena (Weygand) Reitz of Lohrhaupten, Gelnhausen, born and baptized Aug. 22, 1721, the sponsor was Joh. Friedenberger, single; married Nov. 29, 1746, during public service in the church, Anna Margaretha Steigerwalt, daughter of Melchior Steigerwalt of Flörsbach; she was born and baptized Feb. 20, 1719, the sponsor being Anna Margaretha, the wife of Henrich Samers of Flörsbach. He was a mason by occupation. They lived at Flörsbach till they emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1748.

Rev. George Maldfeld, pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Parish of the churches of Kempfenbrunn and Flörsbach, writes as follows: "Flörsbach, Kempfenbrunn and Lohrhaupten in former times belonged together as one parish. These places and Bieber (with Gassen and Röhrig-Biebergrund) are the only Evangelical Lutheran Parishes in Spessart in this part of the country; they belonged formerly stately to the Earldom of Hanau, while now they belong to the District of Gelnhausen. In Lohrhaupten the name Reitz has all died out, while in Flörsbach it appears manifoldly yet at this day. The name was also brought over from Röhrig to Lohrhaupten only

through the marriage of Joh. Reitz to that place, while it has remained in Flörsbach, even though it is not found there before 1745.

From the church records at this place it is clearly established that the emigrant Johann Friedrich Reitz emigrated from Flörsbach in 1748 with his wife and only one child. This child, a little son (Johann Henrich), as verified by the church record, was born Feb. 12, 1747, only one year before their emigration. The church records also show that Johann Friedrich Reitz, son of Johannes Peter (also called Hans Peter, Johann Peter, or only Peter) and Magdalena (Weygand or Weigandt) Reitz, had yet four brothers, of whom the name of one was Johann George Reitz, born Feb. 5, 1726.

The official church records of Kempfenbrunn and Flörsbach also state that "In the years 1748 to 1754 and in 1766, 167 persons emigrated to Pennsylvania from Flörsbach and Kempfenbrunn, or from 1748 to 1754, 90 persons (1748, 22 persons; 1749, 2; 1750, 24; 1751, 32; 1752, 2; and 1754, 8), and in 1766, 77 persons." It reduced the population of these two towns about 20 per cent. The list of emigrants for the aforenamed years follows:

1748, From Flörsbach:

Hans Kunkle with wife and 6 children.

George Steigerwald with wife and 3 children.

FRIEDRICH REITZ with 1 wife and 1 child.

Eberhard Kunkle.

Catharina Keyserin with 1 child.

From Kempfenbrunn:

Johann Adam Dietrich.

Peter Kohler.

Margaretha Uhlin.

1749, From Flörsbach:

Peter Steigerwald, son of Johannes Steigerwald.

Johannes Steigerwald, son of Melchior Steigerwald.

1750, From Flörsbach:

George Kunkle with wife and 3 children.

Johannes Huth with wife and 4 children.

Elisabeth Kleinfellerin with 1 child.

Andreas Schuster, weyl. son of Georg Schuster.

Melchior Kleinfeller, son of Hans Peter Kleinfeller.

Eberhard Steigerwald, stepson of Melchior Kunkle.

From Kempfenbrunn:

Peter Hartman with wife and 4 children.

Anna Maria Fischerin, daughter of Henrich Fischer.

Friedrich Steinberger, son of Casper Steinberger.

1751, From Flörsbach:

Lorenz Kunkle with wife and 1 child.

Hans Peter Kleinfeller with wife and 5 children.

Magdalena Kayserin with 1 child.

Regina Kayserin with 1 child.

Hans Adam Koch with 1 wife and 5 children.

Anna Maria Dietrichin, daughter of Peter Dietrich.

From Kempfenbrunn:

Michael Fischer, Jr., with wife and 3 children.
Peter Herr with wife and 2 children.
Philipp Dill.

1752, From Kempfenbrunn:

Johannes Hartman and his wife.

1754, From Flörsbach:

Johannes Schuster.

From Kempfenbrunn:

Nicolaus Keppler with wife and 2 children.
Philipp Lindenberger's sons, Adam and Michel.
Magdalena, daughter of Casper Steinberger.

Departed for Pennsylvania in 1766
From Kempfenbrunn:

Michel Kohler with woman and 2 children.
Johannes Steinberger with wife and 4 children.
Henrich Heuser with wife and 1 child.
Margaretha Kohlerin and Johannes Kohler, children of Michel Kohler.
Lipps Linneberger's W and son.
Peter Kohler's W with 1 daughter.

From Flörsbach:

Henrich Kunkle with woman and 2 children, Melchior Kunkle's W.
Casper Dietrich with woman and 4 children.
Johannes Hens with woman and 2 children.
Melchior Schuster's W with 3 sons.
Johannes Bauer with wife and 7 children.
Friedrich Steigerwald with wife and 4 children.
Magdalena, a born Herr, from Ulrick.

Schoolmaster Bach's W with 4 children.

Johannes Kleinfeller with wife and 1 son.

Johannes Steigerwald with wife and 3 children.

Johannes Kunkle with wife and 1 child.

Catharina Hutin, a single maid and Adam Steigerwald's W.

Hanns Michel Kunkle, smith, son of Melchior Kunkle.

Margaretha Dietrichin, daughter of Herrn Schulther's Dietrich.

Yet From Flörsbach:

Catharina Heuserin, a single maid with 1 son.

Margaretha Uhlin, daughter of Johannes Uhl, miller."

CONDITION OR DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIVE HOME

Of the Reitz Ancestors in Europe. A few words on this subject may be appreciated. The country in Europe where many of the immediate Reitz Ancestors lived two to three centuries ago, was mostly a country or farming district with small towns or villages like Flörsbach, Kempfenbrunn, Röhrig, Lohrhaupten, Bieber, etc. situate several miles east of the City of Hanau, in Gelnhausen District, Province of Hessen-Nassau, Germany. A description of their country verifies the tradition among their descendants here in Pennsylvania, that they came from a hilly and mountainous country just like many parts here in Pennsylvania.

There were many hills and beautiful narrow valleys, good springs and many delightful creeks like the Flörsbach Creek (the name implying flowery brook) and also some high mountains. At some places the soil is described sandy and naturally not very fertile. There were dense forests on the mountains, where there were berries much like we find on our mountains.

The people had small houses, often built with stone, with a simple fireplace of stone (hearth) leading up a chimney, where they cooked on a tripot or with iron kettles hung on a hook above the fire. They had small fields and their cultivating tools were primitive. The inhabitants were generally poor. It is related that in the Spring many of the men would go away to cities and other industrial places to earn some money while the women and children attended to the work at home on their small farms during the Summer. Their taxes were often exorbitant, and frequently royal decrees restricted their free and reasonable pursuit of life, liberty and happiness. Regardless of all hardships they prospered, and some had evidenty saved enough money to emigrate and make the long and hazardous journey to Pennsylvania. It is no wonder that such sturdy energetic laborious people made so many prosperous homes here in Pennsylvania and promoted a numerous frugal industrious worthy progeny. The description tells us they were a very religious people, had for centuries everywhere their church and a schoolhouse

aside of it, where a thorough education, especially morally, was strictly carried on. A picture of the little church at Flörsbach is presented in this book, a Lutheran Church, which is said to be standing already for about 500 years, being renewed from time to time as in 1728 and 1928. It is the same church building which our ancestor Johan Friedrich Reitz and family attended before they came to Pennsylvania and where they were married Nov. 29, 1746. The Reitz ancestors seem to have dwelled for centuries in that District of Gelnhausen, as called now, to the East of the City of Hanau of which principality it was formerly a part. They generally adhered to the Evan. Lutheran Church. Evidently not all the Reitz people in olden times lived in this hilly country to the East of the City of Hanau. Some lived in other places like in Fulda. Persons who visited recently over there report that many with the name Reitz are living at this day in the Cities of Hanau and Franfort-on-the-Main. History informs us that in olden times the Reitz people in Europe were a noble people, regardless of the fact that some were poor. Some were poor. Some were university professors, clergymen, physicians, state officials and princes. They had their Reitz Knights. They had their "Coat-of-arms," an armorial insignia, of which several are mentioned in old European Records and Histories. A picture of one of them is presented herewith. From their original habitation near the city of Hanau they scattered to all parts of the earth.

ORIGIN OF THE NAME REITZ. The Reitz people living over there in the City of Hanau, Germany, have a tradition as to how the name **Reitz** originated. It is given herewith for what it is worth. The tradition runs as follows: In olden times there were no surnames, and persons were known by only one name, like in the time of Christ we speak of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. But in the course of time surnames were acquired in addition to the first names for better designation. Frequently the father's name was used. The tradition has it that several centuries ago there appeared near the City of Hanau an old man with a long white beard riding a noble horse, who had escaped from somewhere in the East, might have been last from Saxony, on account of religious persecution, and who rode on his horse about the country, advocating especial freedom of religion and zealously gathered and admonished the people everywhere in religious assemblies in their free country. They knew him at the "Reitczaronitsch" or the riding czarewitch, that is the riding son of the czar or prince, or a rider of noble birth. His children were known as John or Jacob, etc. von Reit-czaronitsch or Reit-czargeburt, of noble birth. Some time later the hind part of czaronitsch or zargeburt was dropped and only the "z" was retained and pronounced in addition to "Reit," leaving the name "Reitz," which thereafter became the common adopted surname of the Reitz clan.

The Lutheran Church at Florsbach, Gelnhausen, Hessen-Nassau, Germany. Built over 400 years ago, in which Johan Friedrich Reitz and Anna Margaretha Steigerwalt were married November 29, 1746.

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PART II

JOHAN FRIEDRICH REITZ, generally known among his numerous descendants as Pioneer Johan Friedrich Reitz, son of Johannes Peter (sometimes called Hans Peter, Johann Peter or only Peter) and Magdalena (Weygand) Reitz, of Lohrhaupten, now in Gelnhausen District, in Hessen-Nassau, Germany, born and baptized Aug. 22, 1721, at Lohrhaupten, Germany; married during public services in the church at Flörsbach, Germany. Nov. 29, 1746, Anna Margaretha Steigerwald of Flörsbach, Germany, born and baptized Feb. 20, 1719, daughter of Melchior Steigerwald of Flörsbach, Gelnhausen District, Hessen-Nassau, Germany. The following are the exact records, birth, baptism and marriage as contained in the official church records of the Flörsbach and Kempfenbrunn Evan. Lutheran Parish, Gelnhausen, Hessen-Nassau, Germany: "Johann Friedrich, son of Hans Peter Reitz and his wife Magdalene, nee Weygand, of Lohrhaupten, born and baptized Aug. 22, 1721, sponsor was Joh. Friedrich Lindenberger, single."

"Anna Margaretha, daughter of Melchior Steigerwald, of Flörsbach, born and baptized Feb. 20, 1719, sponsor Anna Margaretha, wife of Henrich Samers of Flörsbach." "On Tuesday, Nov. 29, 1746, were married at Flörsbach, during public church service, Friedrich Reitz, son of the deceased Hans Peter Reitz, who was a citizen and church member of Lohrhaupten, and Anna Margaretha, daughter of Melchior Steigerwald, also a church member of mentioned Flörsbach."

The lineage of Johan Friedrich Reitz, who is named in the records as a stone mason by occupation. He is frequently called Friedrich Reitz, especially in this country in records. His father was Peter (also called Johannes Peter, Johann Peter, and Hans Peter) Reitz, b. Dec. 3, 1690, d. Dec. 2, 1732. His grandfather (the father of Peter Reitz) was Johannes Reitz, who married Anna Barbara Friedrich, Jan. 15, 1690. His great-grandfather (the father of Johannes Reitz) was a Johannes Reitz, who lived at Röhrig about and previous to 1690. A more complete record is given elsewhere.

The records also show that Johan Friedrich Reitz and his wife lived at Flörsbach from the time they were married till 1748 when they emigrated to America, and also that a son was born to them during their residence at Flörsbach, according to the following church record: "On Feb. 12, A.D., 1747, a son was born and baptized, to Johann Friedrich Reitz church member and mason of Flörsbach and his housewife Anna Margaretha, a born Steigerwald. The sponsors was Johann Henrich Sang, son of Joh Peter Sang, Herrschafftl. Hofjaegers of Meerholz, who, on account of his youth, was represented by Johannes Steigerwald, brother of the child's mother, and the child was named Johann Henrich."

JOHAN FRIEDRICH REITZ, the Pioneer Ancestor of the many Reitz people of Lehigh Co., Pa., and adjacent parts, came to Philadelphia,

Pa., in the Ship Hampshire, Thomas Cheeseman, Captain, from Rotterdam. Qualified Sept. 7, 1748. (Penna Archives, 2nd. Ser. Vol. XVII, pp. 362, 363. List of Foreigners imported). On pp. 363 and 364 follows: "The original list is herewith given," wherein occurs: "Fredk Reets, age 27," (the name spelled wrong.)

In Rupp's 30,000 Names, occurs, (p. 183: "117) Sept. 7, 1748 Foreigners imported in the Ship Hampshire, Thomas Cheesman, Captain, from Rotterdam, last from Falmouth" and the name Joh. Friedrich Ritz (should be Reitz).

In both the Archives and Rupp's Book **Reitz** is misspelled Ritz as the following letter shows: "Penn. State Library Division of Public Records, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, U. S. A. Feb. 27, 1911, Mr. J. J. Reitz, Walnutport, Pa.

Dear Sir:—In reply to yours of the 21st., say that after a re-examination of the original list, we find that both I. D. Rupp and the writer were in error—the former has in his published list, the name Joh. Friedrich Ritz and we find Joh. Friedrich Reitz, both written so badly or maybe hurriedly that the letters are run together.

We therefore send you a new certificate trusting it will prove of more value than the former with the assurance of our readiness to be a service at all times.

Very truly yours,
LUTHER R. KELKER,
Custodian of the Public Record

Johan Friedrich Reitz, aged 27 years, came to Phil. Sept. 7, 1748, together with his wife Anna Margaretha (Margaretta or Margaret) nee Steigerwalt, and their son Heinrich (also called Johann Henrich), b. Feb. 12, 1747.

They evidently wandered from Phil. up towards the Lehigh River to what is now Allentown. Their names are found in the records of the Blue Church about a mile west of Coopersburg, Pa., in Saucon, where they worshipped; viz, in the Luth. communion lists of Nov. 10, 1751 and May 7, 1752 are found Joh. Frederick Reitz and wife Anna Margaretta. Also in the baptismal record of the Blue Church occurs the baptism of Anna child of Joh. Frederick Reitz and wife Anna Margaret Jan. 3, 1753, sponsors were Johannes Steuerwald who was the brother of Anna Margaretha wife of Joh. Freiderich Reitz, and (the female sponsors name undecipherable).

Later they evidently worshipped in the "Schmalzgas Church," Jerusalem Church, in Western Salisbury Township, about a mile southeast of Allentown, because in its records are found the baptism of two of their children, as follows:

"Baptism by Rev. Daniel Schumacher—"Schmalz Gass", in Jerusalem Luth. and Ref. Church, in Salisbury Township, about a mile South-east of Allentown.

Surname	Child	Parents	Born	Baptized	Sponsors
Reitz	Jacob	Friedr. Reitz and Margaretha	4 weeks old	1759 Apr. 8	Jacob Gansler and Anna Mear
Reitz	Lorenz	Friedr. Reitz and An. Margaretha	3 weeks old	1762 Jan. 2	Lorenz Guth and Gertrute Vettern Single

NOTE: Johannes Steuerwald (Steigerwalt) sponsor at baptism of Anna, the daughter of Joh. Friederick Reitz and his wife Anna Margaretha on Jan. 3, 1753 at the Blue Church, was a brother of Anna Margaretha the wife of Joh. Friedrich Reitz.

Frederick Reitz took out two warrants for land of 25a. each, situate near the Little Cedar Creek, northwest of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Apr. 3, 1751, which was then considered in Philadelphia County, Cf. Pa. Arch. 3 S. V XXIV. p. 43, to wit: "Frederick Reitz, 25a. Apr. 3, 1751, Frederick Reitz, 25a. Apr. 3, 1751." Frederick Reitz patented his land in Whitehall Township, Northampton County, Nov. 26, 1760, (Northampton County was formed in 1752, and therefore his land in 1760 was then no more in Philadelphia County, but in Northampton County, and since 1812, when Lehigh County was formed, it is in Lehigh County). In the Tax List of Whitehall Township, 1762, Frederick Reitz is taxed £7. (Cf. Lehigh Co. Hist. V. I. p. 1006). In the Lehigh County Hist. V. I. p. 882 Frederick Reitz is mentioned among the early settlers of South Whitehall Township, among others like Lorentz Guth, Peter Herr, Frederick Schwander.

Johan Friedrich Reitz and his wife Anna Margaretha (nee Steigerwalt) lived on their farm near

the Little Cedar Creek, a short distance northwest of Muhelnberg College, Allentown, Pa., in North Whitehall Township, in what was then known as Northampton Co., but now as Lehigh Co., Pa. They were evidently good Christians and dutiful laborious prosperous people, judging from the records in the old churches and elsewhere, especially from the attention paid to their children to have them baptized and confirmed in the church and brought up in strict family care, and from the good location of their home which they acquired. It was often related that he was well educated. The place where they settled was covered with a dense forest of large trees, which they had to cut down and clear land to raise crops to live, and build their house and other necessary buildings. Then the settlers generally built log buildings, raised flax and sheep to make their clothing.

Johan Friedrich and Anna Margaretha (Steigerwald) Reitz had seven children:

1. Heinrich Reitz, b. Feb. 12, 1747.

2. Elizabeth Reitz, b. Jan. 21, 1749, d. Jan. 15, 1831.

3. Anna Margaret Reitz, b. Dec. 1750.

4. Anna Reitz, b. Dec. 17, 1752, baptized Jan. 3, 1753.

5. Eva Elizabeth Reitz.

6. Jacob Reitz, b. Mar. 8, 1759, bap. Apr. 8, 1759.

7. Lorenz (Lawrence) Reitz, b. Dec. 1, 1761, bap. Jan. 2, 1762, by Rev. Daniel Schumacher, d. Mar. 10, 1844.

The forename Johan, or Johann or Joh was often omitted, and so we often find only Frederick Reitz. They were Lutherans. He died near Little Cedar Creek, Whitehall Township, near Allentown, Pa., in 1763, aged 42, after he had lived only 15 years in his adopted country. John Wyand was appointed administrator. The three oldest children, Henry, Elizabeth and Anna Margaret chose Adam Gable as their guardian. The court appointed David Berringer guardian of the four younger children, Anna, Eva Elizabeth, Jacob and Lawrence. Jacob Reitz when 14 years old chose John Griesemer as his guardian. The records are in the court house.

LAWRENCE (LORENZ) REITZ, son of the Pioneer Johan Friedrick Reitz and his wife Anna Margaretha, nee Steigerwalt, was born near Allentown, near the Little Cedar Creek, northwest of Muhlenberg College, Dec. 1, 1761, died March 9, 1844. His baptism is in the record of Jerusalem L. & R. (Western Salisbury) Church, about a mile southeast of Allentown, as follows:

Surname	Child	Parents	Born	Baptized	Sponsors
Reitz	Lorenz	Friedr Reitz and An Margaretha	3 weeks old	1762 Jan. 2	Lorenz Guth and Gertrute Vettern Single

The inscription on his tombstone at his grave in the old cemetery of Ebenezer L. & R. Church New Tripoli, Pa., is as follows:

"Denkmahl
für
Lorenz Reitz
Geboren den 1sten Decem. 1761,
starb den 9ten Merz, 1844.
Alt. 82 Jahre 3 Monate u. 9 Tage
Leiche Text: Jona 4.3."

Aside of his grave is the grave and tombstone of his wife, containing the following inscription:

"Zum
Andenken
an
Catharina Reitz
Geborne Hess.
Gattin von
Lorenz Reitz
Sie war geboren den 14 August 1759
starb den 26 December 1837.
Ihr Alter war 78 Jahre, 4 monate, und 13 Tage."

Lawrence Reitz was only 1½ years old when his father Johan Friedrich Reitz, died in 1763, and shortly afterwards the court appointed David Berringer his guardian. See Easton Court Record Orphans Court Book C p 44 for Frederick Reitz.

Lawrence Reitz was raised in the family of his uncle Johannes Steigerwalt, who was a brother of Anna Margaretha Reitz, his mother; and the said Johannes Steigerwalt owned and lived on a farm near Wesnersville where he died in 1769, where he

made a will, dated Sep. 21, 1769, which was probated Nov. 10, 1769, in the Reading Courthouse, in which he willed as follows: To his stepson Peter Friss (Fries) 50 pounds. Provided for his wife Margaretha (Sabilla Margaretha), "To my stepdaughter Maria Catherine Frissen (Fries) my plantation whereon I now live, subject to her mother's life interest. To my sister's son Lorenz Reitz ten pounds if he lives with my wife until he is fifteen years old. My wife Margaretha shall be the Executor." Johannes Steigerwalt's wife's full name was Sabilla Margaretha, as inferred from the following "Peter Fries of Albany Township, June 21, 1776 Administrator to John Steuerwalt and wife Sybilla Margaretha who was the widow of said intestate." See Record Reading Courthouse.

Johannes Steigerwalt arrived in Phil. Sept. 26, 1749, in the Ship Ranier, sailed from Rotterdam; was sponsor at baptism of his sister's daughter Anna Reitz, born Dec. 17, 1752, baptized Jan. 3, 1753, the daughter of Friederich & Margaretha Reitz, which record is in the Blue Church, near Coopersburg, Pa., Johannes Steigerwalt got warrant for land 25a., Feb. 22, 1766, in Berks Co. (Supposed in Albany Township in the vicinity of Wesnersville—maybe about ½ mile south of it), and he was taxed in Albany Township, Berks Co. as follows: 1767—50a., 2 h., 2 c., 3s.—3. 1768—115a., 2 h., 2 c., 2 s.—3.

Lawrence Reitz married Catharine Hess, daughter of Philip Hess. Old David Hess, who lived

north of Lynnport, near the Blue Mt., was her brother's grandson. Some of the same Hess family lived at Lehigh Furnace, and some in West Penn. The Hess people were noted efficient gunsmiths, and even made guns for the patriots of the American Revolution.

About 1784, Lawrence Reitz bought about 90 acres from the "Vineyard Manor" of Thomas Penn, at the Ontalaunee Creek, a piece of land very suitable for a good farm, showing his sagacity, which farm was about a mile east of Lynnport. A map and description of "Vineyard Manor" is in Penna. Arch. 3rd. Ser. V. IV, p. 71, as follows: "A draft of a tract of Land situate in the County of Bucks about sixty miles from Philadelphia, surveyed on the 3d. of January, 1734, to the Hon'ble Thomas Penn Esq'r, one of the Proprietaries, by virtue of the two warrants from the Proprietaries dated at London the 12th day of May 1732. Each warrant for 1000 as" and then the accompanying map shows a rectangular tract, "Thomas Penn 2000Ac. and Allowance of 6 p Cent. (Along the foot of the Blue Mt.) North East 530 per. ($1\frac{2}{3}$ + m.) South East 640 per. (2 m.) South West 530 per ($1\frac{2}{3}$ + m.), North West 640 per. (2 m.)" The map has marked on it "Andenielea Creek," and a number of small tributary creeks, (now known as Slate Creek, Reitz Creek from Roberts Corner, Weavers Valley Creek, Oswald's Creek, etc.) The eastern line of the farm, formerly owned by Jonas Reitz, Benjamin Reitz, Rev. Dr. J. J. Reitz, and now

(1930) by Elmer Steigerwalt, was the eastern line of "Vineyard Manor," extending across the Ontalaunee Creek, above the mill dam, and thence South almost to the Chuchery Mt. "Vineyard Manor" was two miles long north to south, and about one and two-thirds miles wide, east to west. At that time, 1732, it was said to be in Bucks Co.; in 1752, when Northampton Co. was formed, it was in Northampton Co., and since 1812, when Lehigh Co. was formed, it is in Lehigh Co., in Lynn Township.

Lawrence Reitz and his wife Catharine lived all through their married life till death on this farm, built a log house and log barn about the center of it at a nice spring, at a place about ¼ mile west of the present farm buildings on said farm, just south of the Schuylkill & Lehigh Railroad.

He took out a warrant in 1790 for a tract of 95 acres Blue Mt. woodland, which is recorded in Penna. Arch. 3r. Ser. V. XXVI p. 159, County of Northampton, as follows: Lawrence Rids (Reitz) 95 acres, Feb. 1, 1790, some of which is yet in possession of his descendants, (1930), J. J. R.

Lawrence Reitz was assessed and paid tax in Lynn Township, Northampton County, recorded in Penna. Arch. 3rd. Ser. V. XIX:

p. 119, 1785 Lawrence Reitz, 1 h. 1 c. tax 3.0

p. 241, 1786, Lawrence Reitz, 2 h. 1 c. tax 4.0.

p. 340, 1788 Lawrence Reitz, 60 acres, 2 h. 1 c. tax 10.0.

The U. S. Census of 1790 shows that Lawrence Reitz and family consisted then of:

1 male of 16 y. 1 male under 16 y. 3 females.

In the taxable list of Lynn Township for 1812 are found Lawrence Reitz, John Reitz (the son of Lawrence, and among Single Freemen of same date Henry Reitz (another son of Lawrence).

Lawrence Reitz and Catharine, his wife, cleared much of the land of their farm, where many large oak, hickory and other trees stood, and pursued farming, and raised a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters:

1. **John H. Reitz,** b. May 8, 1785, d. Apr. 12, 1852.
2. **Henry Reitz,** b. Feb. 15, 1789, d. June 27, 1859.
3. **Andreas Reitz,** b. Sep. 1, 1791, d. Nov. 16, 1876.
4. **Elizabeth Reitz,** b. Nov. 28, 1794, d. Feb. 18, 1864.
5. **Jonas Reitz,** b. May 1, 1796, d. June 10, 1861.
6. **Philip Reitz,** b. Sep. 2, 1798, d. May 4, 1866.
7. **Catharine Reitz,** b. June 28, 1800, d. June 27, 1870.

When Lawrence Reitz died Mar. 9, 1844, he owned two farms and four tracts of woodland in Lynn Township. The official records in the courthouse at Allentown, Pa., show that his 3 oldest sons, John H., Henry and Andreas were adminis-

trators of his estate. His eldest son John H. accepted and purchased Sep. 6, 1844 at the appraisement 88½ a. (homestead) and woodland 24 a. and 4 a. The administrators sold the other farm Apr. 1, 1845, 46 a. and woodland 28 a. and 3 a. to John A. Reitz. John H. Reitz and his wife Mary Elizabeth, of Franklin Township, Columbia Co., Pa., later, or on Feb. 1, 1845 sold the homestead and woodland to Philip Reitz for $2367.67. Recorded in Deed Book.

PART III

LAWRENCE REITZ'S WAR RECORD

He was a soldier during the Revolutionary War, was both in the service of the United States and the Northampton County Militia, as the Pennsylvania Archives show, as follows:

Lawrence Reitz, Substitute for John Switzer, served under Captain Jacob Heller in the 3rd Class of the 2nd Battalion, Northampton County, under the command of Lieutenant Col. Boehm (Bheam) in the Service of the United States on the frontiers of said County for two months, from June 1, 1782 to July 30, 1782, when discharged,—60 days service. (Penna. Arch. 5 Ser. V. VIII, p. 185). This is mentioned under the heading of p. 183: "A Muster Roll of Captain Jacob Hellers Militia Company in the 3D Class of the 2nd Battalion Northampton County under the command of Lieutenant Col. Bheam in the Service of the United States on the Fronties of said County

for two months service, said class called to turn out and meet together at Capt. Hellers the 28th. day of May 1782—The pay commencing two days before the said day of Rendesvous."

Lawrence Reitz, private, as a Revolutionary Soldier from Northampton Co., Pa., received Depreciation Pay, as mentioned under the heading "Continental Line Depreciation Pay," in Penna. Arch. 5 Ser. V. IV, p. 340.

Lawrence Reitz (Larence Writes) served in Capt. John Ritter's 1st Company of the 3rd. Battalion, Northampton Co., Pa., Militia, under Lieut. Col. Nicholas Kern, in Class Roll Apr. 24, 1782, as recorded in Penna. Arch. 5 Ser., V. VIII, p. 266.

Lawrence Reitz (Lorance Writes) served in the 1st Company, commanded by Capt. John Ritter, 3rd. Battalion, Northampton County Militia under Lieutenant Col. Nicholas Kern during 1782, as stated in Penna. Arch. 5 Ser. V. VIII, p. 278.

Lawrence Reitz (Lorans Ritz) is mentioned in the Militia Rolls of Lynn Township, Northampton County, May 2, 1785, in 1st. Company, Capt. Samuel Everett, in 1st. Battalion under the command of Lt. Col. Michael Brobst, (Penna. Arch. 6 Ser. V. III, p. 750.)

Lawrence Reitz was a Lutheran and took an active part in the building of the second Ebenezar L. & R. Church at New Tripoli, Pa. in 1798. The first church, a log church, being built in 1761, and the congregation was organized in 1740 in a log

house. His descendants took an active part in building the succeeding churches, Jonas Reitz in building the third church in 1824, and William H. Reitz, in building the fourth church in 1890, which is the present grand Ebenezar Church at New Tripoli.

Harrisburg. Penna.
February. 24. 1911.

Official Authority

To whom it may concern:

I hereby certify that the above is a true tracing of the name as written on the original Immigrant List.

Ship — Hampshire
Captain — Thomas Cheesman.
Date — September 7. 1748.
Sailed from Rotterdam but last from Falmouth and arrived in Philadelphia. Now on file in Division of Public Records. Harrisburg. Penna.

In testimony whereof I hereby affix the Seal of this Department.

Custodian
Division of Public Records.

The above handwriting is "JOHAN FRIEDRICH REITZ" in German Script as he signed when he came to Philadelphia, Pa. and took the Oath of Allegiance, September 7, 1748. Note that in signing he used only one capital letter, "J", to begin his name; the others are all small letters.

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PART IV

JONAS REITZ

of near Lynnport, Pa.,

and his Descendants,

Son of

Lawrence Reitz

of near Lynnport, Pa.

Who was the Son of

Pioneer Johan Friedrich Reitz

JONAS REITZ, the fourth son of Lawrence (of the Pioneer Johan Friederich) and Catharine (Hess) Reitz, born at the old Reitz homestead, east of Lynnport, Pa., May 1, 1796; d. June 10, 1861; buried at the New Tripoli Church. He owned and lived on a farm adjacent to and east of his father Lawrence, where he erected in 1840 a grist and flour mill at the Ontalaunee Creek and also a distillery which he operated for many years. He was also a weaver of linen goods and woolen stockings, having invented a loom for the latter. In 1854 he sold the mill to his sons, Samuel and Benjamin. At his death he owned also the 80 acre farm to the south of his father's homestead, besides his own homestead and three tracts of Blue Mountain woodland, some of which is yet in the possession of his grandson, Rev. J. J. Reitz, A.M., M.D. He was an active member of Ebenezar Lutheran Church, New Tripoli, Pa., where he held various offices.

Jonas Reitz married, 1st, Catharine Lutz, born Dec. 11, 1798, d. Jan. 25, 1835; buried at New Tripoli Church; daughter of Peter and Catharine (Klingaman) Lutz. Her baptismal record gives the sponsors as Christian Klingaman and Catharine Lutz. They had 7 children:

1. **Jacob Reitz,** b. Jan. 13, 1823; d. 1835.
2. **Samuel Reitz,** b. Jan. 16, 1827; d. June 26, 1903.
3. **Benjamin Reitz,** b. Feb. 25, 1829; d. Sept. 3, 1886.

4. **Daniel L. Reitz,** b. 1831; d. 1912.

5. **Elias Reitz,** b. Dec. 24, 1834; d. Feb. 24, 1917.

6. **Catharine Reitz,** b. Nov. 27, 1825; d. Nov. 12, 1845.

7. **Sabina Reitz,** b. 1832; d. 1879.

Jonas Reitz married, 2nd, Barbara Smith, born Sept. 26, 1804, d. Mar. 16, 1880; daughter of Abraham Smith and widow of Solomon Troxell, buried at New Tripoli Church, and they had 3 children:

1. **Phaon Reitz,** b. May 7, 1838; d. June 12, 1917.

2. **David Reitz,** b. Feb. 10, 1840; d. May 3, 1864.

3. **William Harrison Reitz,** b. Oct. 31, 1842; d. June 27, 1930.

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SAMUEL REITZ, son of Jonas and Catharine (Lutz) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Jan. 16, 1827; d. June 26, 1903; buried at the New Tripoli Church. About 1854 he and his brother, Benjamin Reitz purchased their father's grist mill, one mile east of Lynnport, Pa., which they operated till their father's death in 1862 when he purchased one of his father's farms of 80 acres, one mile southeast of Lynnport, Pa., which he occupied and tilled till his death. He also conducted with it an applejack distillery and was Lutheran. Married, first, Abigail Smith, born near Seipstown, Pa., July 3,

1835; d. Aug. 8, 1873; buried at New Tripoli Church. They had eight children:

1. **Mary Alice Reitz,** b. Sept. 28, 1855; d. Mar. 11, 1927.
2. **Josephine S. Reitz,** b. Mar. 8, 1857.
3. **William Monroe Reitz,** b. Aug. 2, 1859; d. Jan. 27, 1910.
4. **Sarah Ellen Reitz,** b. May 29, 1862.
5. **Oliver Jonas Reitz,** b. Mar. 9, 1865.
6. **Levi Jackson Reitz,** b. Oct. 6, 1868.
7. **Thomas F. Reitz,** b. June 30, 1873; d. Sept. 9, 1873.
8. **Jefferson A. Reitz,** b. June 30, 1873; d. Sept. 6, 1873.

MARY ALICE REITZ, daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Smith) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Sept. 28, 1855; d. Mar. 11, 1927; buried at Jacksonville Church; married, Feb. 24, 1880, Osten Alexander Peters, of Slatington, Pa. They lived most of their time at Steinsville, Pa., where they had a farm. He was a tailor. They had six children:

1. **Infant Son,** b. Dec. 23, 1880; d. in infancy.
2. **Howard George Peters,** b. Apr. 12, 1882.
3. **Angelina Eva Peters,** b. June 19, 1889, d.
4. **Cyrus Adam Peters,** b. Feb. 23, 1891; a druggist in Phila., Pa.
5. **Beulah Agnes Peters,** b. Oct. 24, 1893, d.
6. **Viola Blanche Peters,** b. Feb. 13, 1898; a school teacher.

HOWARD GEORGE PETERS, son of Osten Alexander and Mary Alice (Reitz) Peters, of Steinsville, Pa., born Apr. 12, 1882; married Cora Schindler, daughter of Thomas and Mary Schindler. They live on a farm in Weisenberg Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., and have one child:

Mary Peters.

JOSEPHINE S. REITZ, daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Smith) Reitz, of Lynnport, Pa., born Mar. 8, 1857; married Jan. 17, 1880, Amandus S. Lutz, son of Beneville Lutz, of Steinsville, Pa. They conducted for many years the grist mill at Wanamakers, Pa., and then moved to their farm at Steinsville, Pa., engaged in farming, live now there retired and have four children:

1. **Arthur Samuel Lutz,** b. Oct. 17, 1880; d. Mar. 3, 1885.
2. **Celesta Ida Lutz,** b. Feb. 6, 1882; d. July 26, 1882.
3. **Meda Ellen Lutz,** b. Feb. 1, 1886.
4. **Mervin Claude Lutz,** b. Aug. 30, 1889; a electrician.

MEDA ELLEN LUTZ, daughter of Amandus S. and Josephine S. (Reitz) Lutz, born at Wanamakers, Pa., Feb. 1, 1886; married Feb. 28, 1907, Robert J. Frey, son of Frank and Sarah (Wesner) Frey. They live at Steinsville, Pa., purchased her father's farm which they till and have three children:

1. **Harry Oliver Frey,** b. Apr. 28, 1907; d. Sept. 28, 1907.
2. **Lila Josephine Frey,** b. July 21, 1910.
3. **Beulah Alma Frey,** b. Apr. 19, 1919.

LILA JOSEPHINE FREY, daughter of Robert J. and Meda Ellen (Lutz) Frey, of Steinsville, Pa., born at Steinsville, Pa., July 21, 1910; married Calvin P. Kunkle, son of Albert Kunkle, of Kempton, R. 2, Pa., They live at Steinsville Pa., and have one child:

Arlan Rufus Kunkle, b. Apr. 25, 1929.

WILLIAM MONROE REITZ, son of Samuel and Abigail Smith Reitz, b. near Lynnport, Pa., Aug. 2, 1859; married Oct. 8, 1889, to Alvena Missouri Krause, daughter of Edwin and Mary Krause, of Lynnport, Pa. They lived on and conducted a farm in Weisenburg Township, Lehigh Co., Pa. He died Jan. 27, 1910, and is buried at the Ziegel Church. They had 5 children:

1. **Angelina Olivia Abigail Reitz,** b. Nov. 24, 1889.
2. **Arthur Samuel Reitz,** b. June 22, 1894.
3. **Richard Roland Reitz,** b. Jan. 17, 1897.
4. **Howard McKinley Reitz,** b. Feb. 2, 1899.
5. **Mary Blandon Alvena Reitz,** b. Jan. 7, 1901; d. Feb. 19, 1901.

ANGELINA OLIVIA ABIGAIL REITZ, daughter of William Monroe and Alvena M. (Krause) Reitz, was born near Lynnport, Pa.,

Nov. 24, 1889; married to George W. Werley, Oct. 9, 1909. They are Lutheran, live at Breinigsville, R. 2, Pa., and have three children:

1. **Warren William Werley,** b. Jan. 4, 1910.
2. **Goldie Louisa Werley,** b. Dec. 9, 1911.
3. **Pauline Ella Werley,** b. Apr. 13, 1917.

ARTHUR SAMUEL REITZ, son of William Monroe and Alvena M. (Krause) Reitz, was born in Weisenburg Township, June 22, 1894; married 1st., to Carrie M. Herber on Nov. 6, 1915, d. May 21, 1923 buried at Ziegels Church. They have one son:

Charles W. Reitz, b.Mar 3, 1919.

Married, 2nd., to Pearl M. Sunday on June 26, 1926. He is Lutheran, a carpenter. They live at Wescosville, R. 1, Pa.

RICHARD ROLAND REITZ, son of William Monroe and Alvena M. (Krause) Reitz, born in Weisenburg Township, Jan. 17, 1897; married Apr. 4, 1920, to Mary Floranda Krammes, of Stony Run, Pa. They have two children:

1. **Elmer Richard Reitz,** b. Sept. 13, 1920, Lynnport, Pa.
2. **Nevin William Reitz,** b. Dec. 12, 1923, Lynnport, Pa.

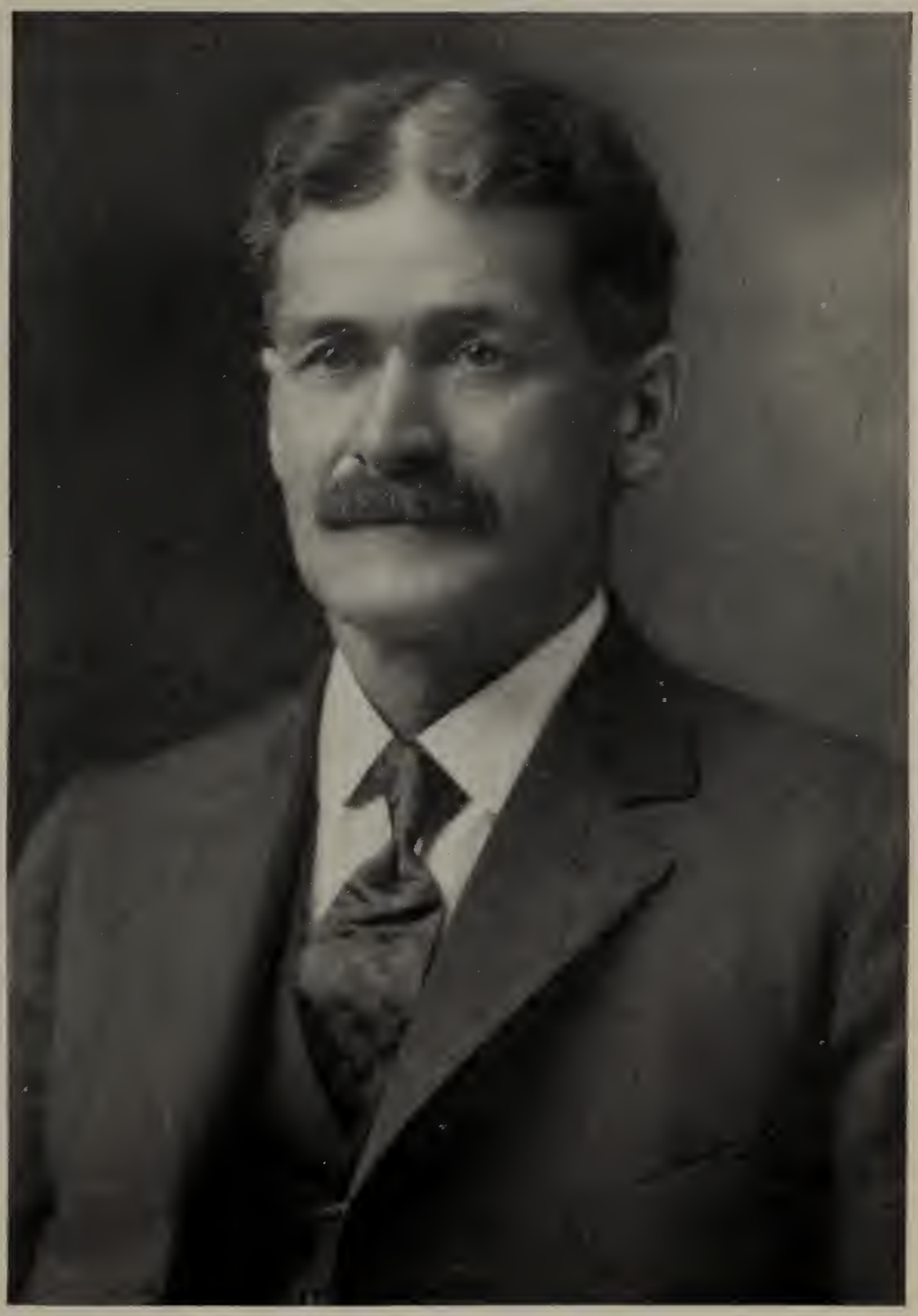
He has been a deacon for several years at Ebenezar Luth. Church, New Tripoli, Pa. He is a farmer and licensed taxidermist and furrier, was engaged for many years in farming on what was formerly the homestead of his grandfather, Samuel

Reitz, near Lynnport, Pa. They live now at Schnecksville, Pa.

HOWARD McKINLEY REITZ, son of William Monroe and Alvena Missouri (Krause) Reitz, born in Weisenburg Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., Feb. 2, 1899; married May 31, 1924, Mamie Victoria Roth. No issue. He is Lutheran and an electrician at Lehigh Portland Cement Co., Fogelsville, Pa. They live at Fogelsville, Pa.

SARAH ELLEN REITZ, daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Smith) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., May 29, 1862; married Dec. 20, 1903, Charles Alfred Hartung; born in West Penn, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Sept. 20, 1867, son of John and Catharine (Kneass) Hartung. They purchased the farm and homestead of her father, one mile southeast of Lynnport, Pa., where they lived and farmed for some years, when they purchased in addition the adjoining home of Cornelius Peter where they now live retired; are Lutheran and have one daughter:

CELESTA ABIGAIL OSWALD, daughter of Sarah Ellen Reitz and Wilson Oswald, born near Lynnport, Pa., June 21, 1893; married Apr. 2, 1922, Edgar Elias Arndt, born Nov. 1, 1897, son of Amandus and Amanda (Schrader) Arndt, of New Tripoli, Pa. They live on the farm of Charles Alfred and Sarah Ellen (Reitz) Hartung, formerly the homestead of Samuel Reitz, which they farm, and have two children:



LEVI J. REITZ
Of Bethlehem, Pa.

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BENJAMIN REITZ
Of Lynnport, Pa.
Born February 25, 1829, died September 3, 1886
Picture taken when drafted in Civil War

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1. **Beatrice Ellen Amanda Arndt,** b. June 17, 1922.

2. **Mark Edgar Arndt,** b. Mar. 15, 1925, d. June 4, 1925.

OLIVER JONAS REITZ, son of Samuel and Abigail (Smith) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Mar. 9, 1865; married to Mary T. Reichelderfer, born May 16, 1876, daughter of Charles and Messina (Schler) Reichelderfer, Seipstown, Pa. Oliver Jonas Reitz, a Lutheran, owns and lives on a farm in Weisenburg Township, near Seipstown, Pa., operates also a ciderpress and was for many years engaged in distilling rye whiskey. They have one daughter:

Ella Messina Reitz, b. June 11, 1900.

ELLA MESSINA REITZ, daughter of Oliver Jonas and Mary T. (Reichelderfer) Reitz, born in Weisenburg Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., June 11, 1900; married Aug. 6, 1921, Paul J. Burkert, born in Richmond Township, Berks Co., Pa., July 6, 1897. They live at 929 Turner St., Allentown, Pa. She is a Lutheran, and they have one child:

Ruth Mary Annie Burkert, b. Jan. 22, 1922.

LEVI JACKSON REITZ, son of Samuel and Abigail (Smith) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Oct. 6, 1868; married Jan. 23, 1893, Ida R. Rausch, daughter of Jacob and Mrs. Rausch. They are both Lutheran and he is a carpenter, and also engaged in farming at Lynnport, Pa., Oklahoma,

and near Bethlehem, Pa., and also some time in distilling applejack at Lynnport, Pa. He lives at 1028 Maple St., Bethlehem, Pa. They had one daughter:

1. **Pearl Esther Reitz,** b. Nov. 9, 1895.

PEARL ESTHER REITZ, daughter of Levi Jackson and Ida R. (Rausch) Reitz, born at Lynnport, Pa., Nov. 9, 1895; married June 27, 1917, James Lee McCandless, of Bethlehem, Pa., She is Lutheran, he Episcopalian and a machinist. They live at 1028 Maple St., Bethlehem, Pa., and have 2 children:

1. **James Lee McCandless, Jr.,** b. Apr. 28, 1918, at Bethlehem, Pa.
2. **Helen Esther McCandless,** b. Apr. 1, 1926, at Bethlehem, Pa.

Samuel Reitz married, second, in 1880, Susanna German, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Snyder) German, of Heidelberg Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., and they had two children:

1. **Emery Adam Reitz,** b. 1881.
2. **Clement Stanley Stuart Reitz,** b. Sept. 26, 1883; d. Nov. 29, 1895.; buried on Union Cemetery, Slatington, Pa.

EMERY ADAM REITZ, son of Samuel and Susanna (German) Reitz, of Lynnport, Pa., born near Lynnport, Pa., in 1881; married in 1910 Laura Lloyd. He is Lutheran, painter and paperhanger. They live in Slatington, Pa., and have ten children:

1. **Stuart Samuel Reitz**, b. Sept. 4, 1912.
2. **Iver Charles Reitz**, b. Feb. 18, 1914.
3. **Russell Joseph Reitz**, b. June 17, 1915; d. Apr. 15, 1916.
4. **Pauline Melba Reitz**, b. Oct. 14, 1916.
5. **Hattie Ann Reitz**, b. Aug. 13, 1919.
6. **Warren James Reitz**, b. Sept. 1, 1922.
7. **Allen Edward Reitz**, b. Apr. 10, 1924.
8. **Harold Willard Reitz**, b. Oct. 13, 1925, d. Sept. 12, 1929.
9. **Elwood Adam Reitz**, b. July 23, 1927.
10. **Willard Allen Reitz**, b. Oct. 22, 1929.

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BENJAMIN REITZ, son of Jonas and Catharine (Lutz) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Feb. 22, 1829, he embraced in his youth the meager educational opportunities and acquired a fair education, especially in arithmetic, geography, history and writing which fitted him to teach in the public schools, where he taught occasionally while a young man, and throughout life he was always a strong advocate for good education. He was a miller and farmer. He and his brother Samuel Reitz operated for several years Reitz's Mill, midway between New Tripoli and Lynnport, Pa., which was built by their father Jonas Reitz at the Ontelaunee Creek in 1840, and which they had purchased from their father about 1854 and conducted till their father's death in 1862 when they sold it to John Ulrich, when Benjamin Reitz purchased the home-

stead of his father, Jonas Reitz, a farm midway between New Tripoli and Lynnport, Pa., where he engaged in farming till his death. He died Sept. 3, 1886, and is buried at the New Tripoli Church, where he had been an active Lutheran member and treasurer for many years. He had 4 sons:

1. **Thomas Franklin Reitz,** b. Feb. 27, 1855; d. Mar. 26, 1873.
2. **Rev. James Jefferson Reitz, A.B., A.M., M.D.,** b. Dec. 13, 1859.
3. **Calvin Grant Reitz,** b. Dec. 2, 1872.
4. **George Ambrose Reitz,** b. Dec. 11, 1875; d. Jan. 12, 1897.

Benjamin Reitz was married, 1st., to Leah Philips, born Feb. 22, 1836; d. May 8, 1871; buried at New Tripoli Church, the daughter of John and Margaret (Lauchnor) Philips, Lynnport, Pa., and they had two sons, Thomas Franklin Reitz and Rev. James Jefferson Reitz, A.B., A.M., M.D. Benjamin Reitz was married, 2nd., to Sarah Schitz Reitz, widow of David Reitz, born Nov. 27, 1840, d. Oct. 15, 1896; buried at New Tripoli Church; daughter of David and Elizabeth (Brobst) Schitz, and they had two sons, Calvin Grant Reitz and George Ambrose Reitz.

THOMAS FRANKLIN REITZ, son of Benjamin and Leah (Philips) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Feb. 27, 1855; d. Mar. 26, 1873; buried at New Tripoli Church. He was the public school

REV. J. J. REITZ, A.B., A.M., M.D.
Of Walnutport, Pa.

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ADA J. (FOLLWEILER) REITZ
Wife of Rev. J. J. Reitz, A.B., A.M., M.D., of Walnutport, Pa.

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teacher at Snyder's School House, one mile east of New Tripoli, Pa.

REV. JAMES JEFFERSON REITZ, A.B., A. M., M.D., of Walnutport, Pa., son of Benjamin and Leah (Philips) Reitz, of Lynnport, Pa., born one mile east of Lynnport, Pa., Dec. 13, 1859. His father was the son of Jonas, son of Lawrence, son of Pioneer Johan Friedrich Reitz, who came to America, Sept. 7, 1748. His father was a strong advocate of and staunch believer in good education, and managed to have his son attend the public schools every day, when the school term was then during the winter only 4 or 5 months. In inclement weather and bad roads his father took him with his team to the school house over a mile away. The result was an inspiration for education, together with the inestimable training and teaching at home, and the saying "what a youth learns no one can take from him, while money may be lost." The winter school terms being then only four or five months, there were occasionally private Spring and Fall school terms taught by educators in his home township at various places; and he attended them for 3 years, walking every day six or seven miles to and from the school house. In the Spring and Fall of 1876 he attended the "Lynn Classical High School" at Kistler's Tannery Schoolhouse in Kistler's Valley, taught by Adam Bachman, A.B., graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, and afterward Ref. Clergy-

man, to which school he had six miles which he walked. In the Fall of 1876 he entered the teachers examination and received a certificate to teach, but on account of his youth his father did not allow him to teach a school offered by the school directors. In the Spring and Fall of 1877 he attended the "Select School" at Lynnville, Pa., taught by Prof. James Wilder, graduate of Kutztown State Normal School, to which school he had six miles which he walked. During the Spring and Fall of 1879 he attended the Summer School at Bausch's Schoolhouse, one mile east of Lynnville, Pa., taught by Alvin Rupp, afterwards Superintendent of Public Schools of Lehigh Co., Pa., to which school he had seven miles which he walked morning and evening. He taught three terms in the public schools near Lynnport, Pa., in 1877, '78, '79, receiving $24 per month the first winter in a mixed school of 63 pupils; the term being five months. In 1878 he attended the Edinboro State Normal School, Erie Co., Pa., during the Spring term. While not attending school he worked for his father on the farm, which developed in him a robust constitution. In the Spring of 1880 he attended the Preparatory School of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., of which Rev. A. R. Horne, D.D., was the principal, and at the close of that term he passed successfully the examination for entrance to Muhlenberg College. In the Fall of 1880 he entered Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., from which he graduated in 1884 with the

degree A.B., when he was the class poet. He entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., in the Fall of 1884, and graduated from it in 1887. In June 1887 Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., conferred on him the degree A.M. During the summer of 1885 he was granted leave of absence from the Seminary and was the Principal and Instructor in the New Tripoli Academy during the Spring and Fall terms of 1885. During the early Summer of 1886 he attended the Hebrew Summer School at the Episcopal Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., conducted by Dr. William A. Harper, later President of the Chicago University. After that he preached two months in Trinity Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, Pa., for Rev. S. A. K. Francis, and then two months in the New Tripoli Lutheran Charge for Rev. H. S. Fegley. In June 1887 he was ordained a Lutheran Minister and in the Fall became the Pastor of the Cherryville, Pa., Lutheran Charge (St. Paul's Church, Cherryville, Pa., and Emmanuel's Church, Petersville, Pa.) where he preached twenty-five years, and at the same time at Ashfield, Pa., one year, all being country churches far apart, to which he went often by team ten and fifteen miles in all kinds of weather, and with little remuneration. After that long and tiresome service he retired from the active ministry claiming that he had done his share and duty as a pastor and that young men should take his place. He preached 3000 sermons; baptized over 800 children; confirmed 510; officiated at

several hundred funerals and united in marriage several hundred. He studied at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. Pa., in 1897 and 1898, in connection with his ministerial work. Later, in 1901, he entered Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia. Pa., where he studied hard, going home weekly to preach on Sunday, and from which he graduated in 1903 with the degree of M. D. and Doctor of Homeopathy, and since that time he has practised also medicine. His specialty being chronic cases, of which he has been treating many, some for miles away. In 1893, he removed from the Lutheran Parsonage, Cherryville, Pa., to his own home in Walnutport, Pa., where he has been living since that time to the present date. About 25 years ago he had drilled on his premises an artesian well, which affords an abundant continuous flow of fresh pure water at his home, for modern conveniences in his house and other buildings, a well 172 feet deep, its equal is not known in Eastern Pennsylvania. On Nov. 6, 1917, he was elected Chief Burgess of the Borough of Walnutport, Pa., and served his home town in that capacity four years, 1918 to 1922. He was a foremost organizer of the Reitz Reunion in 1915 and President of it to date. In 1912 he wrote a history of Emmanuel's Lutheran Church, Petersville, Pa., founded in 1723, one of the oldest churches in Eastern Pennsylvania. He lives now in semi-retirement.

He married, Mar. 12, 1889, Ada Jane Follweiler, of Tamaqua, Pa., born, July 27 1867, daughter of

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of Palmerton, Pa.

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Charles P. and Catharine (Heinly) Follweiler. She is a descendant of Frederick Lieser, of Jacksonville, Pa., who hauled the Liberty Bell from Philadelphia to Allentown, Pa., during the American Revolution in September 1777. Her father was born and raised on the farm which was formerly the homestead of the famous Frederick Lieser, where he is buried near the house in a private cemetery, and her father was the son of Daniel Follweiler, Jr., son of Daniel Follweiler, Sr. and his wife Maria Dorothea Lieser who was the daughter of Frederick Lieser who hauled the Liberty Bell.

Rev. James Jefferson Reitz, A.B., A.M., M.D., and his wife Ada Jane (Follweiler) Reitz live by themselves in their beautiful home at Walnutport, Pa., where they have about 12 acres of land surrounding their house, on which they have a few hundred fruit trees, including many varieties of choice apples, pears, plums, peaches, cherries and mulberries and nuts, and they have one son:

1. **Major Charles Benjamin Reitz, M.D.,** b. Jan. 4, 1890.

MAJOR CHARLES BENJAMIN REITZ, M. D., son of Rev. James Jefferson and Ada Jane (Follweiler) Reitz, A.B., A.M., M.D., of Walnutport, Pa., born in the Lutheran Parsonage, Cherryville, Pa., Jan. 4, 1890. In the Fall of 1893 his parents removed from the parsonage at Cherryville, Pa., to their own home at Walnutport, Pa., which

became then the parsonage of the minister of the Cherryville Lutheran charge for many years, which consisted of a small farm, at first of 25 acres (later reduced by about 10 acres), which his father farmed, and where the subject of this sketch was taught to work while not going to school, which developed in him a strong constitution and that habit of persevering hard labor which characterized his career ever afterwards, especially in the medical college where he easily stood at the head of his class and also in his successful medical practice. His well educated father, with his training as a teacher, was a great help and inducement to him for obtaining a good education, who spent many an evening hour in teaching him while he was attending the public schools and high school, and frequently took him to the schoolhouse when the weather was disagreeable. There was no other alternative but his lessons had to be learned and obedience maintained, with always a moderate amount of pleasure and recreation.

In June 1906 he graduated from the Slatington High School, whose high standard has been recognized for years as equal to many colleges. He taught three terms in the public schools of Lehigh Township, Northampton Co., Pa., receiving $37.62 per month during the first term. In the meantime, under private tutorship, he had prepared for entrance to Muhlenberg College. In 1909 he matriculated in Hahnemann Medical College,

Philadelphia, Pa., from which he graduated June 5, 1913, with the degree M.D. and Doctor of Homeopathy, with **First Honors** in the class, receiving the precious graduation prize for highest scholastic honors—Senior year internship in West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital.

In July 1913, by appointment, he became Pathologist and Junior Physician and member of staff at Allentown State Hospital, (Rittersville) Allentown, Pa., where he served till October 1916, and from March 1917 to June 1917, and after the World War as Senior Physician from January 1919 to April 1919. In connection with his duties at the Allentown State Hospital he served also as one of the instructors or professors for three years at Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa. He took also special courses of Post Graduate study as follows: In 1914 at the Boston University and Westboro State Hospital, Mass.; "Special work in Pathology and Bacteriology"; in 1916 at the University of Texas "Special work in Ophthalmology"; in 1917 at the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, New York City, "Special work in Laboratory Diagnosis"; in 1927 at the University of Vienna, Austria, "Special Clinics," and as a member of the International Congress of Medicine.

Military Record: July 1915, after examination by U. S. Army in Philadelphia, commissioned First Lieutenant Medical Corps, U. S. Army; October 1916, ordered to active duty on Mexican border, served till March 1917; June 1917, active

duty for World War; July 1917, commissioned Captain Medical Corps U. S. Army, and served as Camp Hospital Surgeon; Instructor at Medical Officers' Training Camps; was commissioned Major Medical Corps U. S. Army, Novemper 1918; Inspector of Troop Sanitation and Epidemiology; directed the laboratory of Base Hospital 37th Division; discharged 1919; recommissioned 1919, Major Medical Reserve Corps U. S. Army, as Chief Surgeon 314th Inf. 79th Div., with services as such ever since; medical examiner of candidates for Citizens Military Training Camps; Service officer American Legion.

In 1927, after taking a post graduate course in Vienna, Austria, he toured Europe and visited seven countries of Europe, among which was a visit to the city of Hanau in an effort to find the native home of Pioneer Johan Friedrich Reitz, who was born and raised not far from the city of Hanau.

He married, Jan. 1, 1916, Minnie Agnes Engler, born Nov. 2, 1887, daughter of Charles and Melissa (Allen) Engler, of Easton, Pa., In May 1919, he moved to Palmerton, Pa., and engaged in the private practice of medicine, where he has continued the same very successfully to date. He is the Secretary of the Reitz Reunion. They are Lutheran, live in their own beautiful home in Palmerton, Pa., and have two children:

1. Infant Daughter, b. July 1917; d. in infancy.

2. Ruth Virginia Reitz, b. Oct. 1, 1919, at Palmerton, Pa.

CALVIN GRANT REITZ, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Schitz) Reitz (second wife), born near Lynnport, Pa., Dec. 2, 1872; was U. S. soldier during the Spanish American War, serving in Porto Rico. Unmarried. Went West.

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DANIEL L. REITZ, son of Jonas and Catharine (Lutz) Reitz, born at the Jonas Reitz homestead east of Lynnport, Pa., 1833. He was a Civil War soldier. He married a Miss Greenawald, of Lenhartsville, Pa., they went West to Indianapolis, Ind., and from thence to Hays, Ellis Co., Kan., where they owned and lived on a farm till death about 1912. They had 2 sons: Jonas and Ellsworth, who moved away from Hays, Kan., shortly after their father's death about 18 years ago, according to information received from the postmaster at Hays, Ellis Co., Kansas.

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ELIAS REITZ, son of Jonas and Catharine (Lutz) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Dec. 24, 1834; d. Feb. 24, 1917; buried at the New Tripoli Church; married Sarah Billman, born in Schuylkill Co., Pa., Mar. 15, 1843, d. Oct. 23, 1926, buried at the New Tripoli Church, daughter of George and

Mary (Schuck) Billman. They lived on a small farm about one mile east of Lynnport, Pa., and had eleven children:

1. **William Harrison Reitz,** b. Apr. 8, 1863.
2. **Janetta Elizabeth Reitz,** b. May 1, 1865.
3. **John Ephraim Reitz,** b. Mar. 22, 1867.
4. **Elmira Maryan Reitz,** b. Jan. 26, 1869; d. in infancy.
5. **Alice Sarah Reitz,** b. Mar. 18, 1871; d. Dec. 27, 1914.
6. **Clara Agnes Reitz,** b. July 18, 1873.
7. **Jonas Andrew Reitz,** b. Apr. 19, 1876; d. Oct. 2, 1897.
8. **James Elias Reitz,** b. May 7, 1878; d. Mar. 8, 1881.
9. **Aquilla Susanna Reitz,** b. Aug. 7, 1880.
10. **Frederick Oscar Reitz,** b. Apr. 13, 1883.
11. **Rosa Ida Priscilla Reitz,** b. Jan. 3, 1885.

WILLIAM HARRISON REITZ, son of Elias and Sarah (Billman) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Apr. 8, 1863, lives near Walnutport, Pa., and is engaged in farming; married Lillie Rosa Ann Paules, of Slatedale, Pa., born July 16, 1868, d. Jan. 27, 1929, and is buried on the Union Cemetery, Slatington, Pa., They had six children:

1. **John Markis Reitz,** b. Nov. 12, 1884.
2. **William Harrison Reitz,** b. 1886.
3. **George Edward Reitz,**
4. **Frank Richard Reitz,**

5. **Minnie Sarah Reitz,** b. Aug. 20, 1890, Slatington.
6. **Katie Rebecca Reitz,** b. June 11, 1905.

JOHN MARKIS REITZ, son of William Harrison and Lillie Rosa Ann (Paules) Reitz, born Nov. 12, 1884; married Mabel Elizabeth Hewitt. They live at Slatedale, Pa., and have three children:

1. **Elmer Franklin Reitz,** b. Sept. 5, 1909.
2. **Violet Ann Reitz,** b. July 26, 1911.
3. **Ray Elias Reitz,** b. Oct. 18, 1915.

WILLIAM HARRISON REITZ, son of William Harrison and Lillie Rosa Ann (Paules) Reitz, born 1886; married Louisa Amanda (Anthony) Green, July 25, 1914. They live near Walnutport, Pa., and have two children:

1. **Alawilda Elizabeth Reitz,** b. Sept. 25, 1915.
2. **Willard William Reitz,** b. June 1, 1918.

GEORGE EDWARD REITZ, son of William Harrison and Lillie Rosa Ann (Paules) Reitz, born near Emerald, Pa.; married Nov. 13, 1920, Maggie Bauer. They live at 107 Centre Ave., Slatington, Pa., and have one child:

Bernice Marie Reitz, b. Mar. 29, 1921.

FRANK RICHARD REITZ, son of William Harrison and Lillie Rosa Ann (Paules) Reitz, born at Emerald, Pa., married Feb. 1, 1920, Eva

Beulah Mack. They live at Slatedale, Pa., and have two children:

1. William James Reitz, b. Jan. 24, 1921, at Slatedale.

2. **Velma Elizabeth Reitz,** b. Nov. 9, 1922, at Slatedale.

MINNIE SARAH REITZ, daughter of William Harrison and Lillie Rosa Ann (Paules) Reitz, born at Slatington, Pa., Aug. 20, 1890; married May 1, 1909, Charles Milton Smith, son of Sylvester and Tewillia (Schaffer) Smith. They live in Slatington, Pa., and have four children:

1. **Arlene Mabel Smith,** b. Jan. 21, 1909,—Rextown.

2. **Stuart William Smith,** b. Sept. 9, 1911,—Slatedale.

3. **Elda Mae Smith,** b. Oct. 27, 1913,—Rextown.

4. **Mildred Lillian Smith,** b. Mar. 14, 1915, —Rextown.

ARLENE MABEL SMITH, daughter of Charles Milton and Minnie Sarah (Reitz) Smith, married Malcolm Meagher, of Slatington, Pa., and they have one son, **Dale Malcolm Meagher,** born July 14, 1925.

KATIE REBECCA REITZ, daughter of William Harrison and Lillie Rosa Ann (Paules) Reitz, born near Emerald, Pa., June 11, 1905; married June 10, 1922, Harvey Abraham Mack, son of

James and Ellen (Walters) Mack; lives in Slatington, Pa. They had two children:

1. **Clarence Charles Mack**, b. July 18, 1922,—Rextown.
2. **Virginia Grace Mack**, b. Aug. 28, 1923,—Palmerton.

JANETTA ELIZABETH REITZ, daughter of Elias and Sarah (Billman) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., May 1, 1865; married Sept. 25, 1882, George Andrew Herbster. They live at 130 Second Ave., Catasauqua, Pa., and have seven children:

1. **Robert Elias Herbster**, b. Dec. 16, 1883; d. Sept. 1884.
2. **Minnie May Herbster**, b. Aug. 15, 1885.
3. **Oscar George Herbster**, b. June 8, 1886; d. July 29, 1890.
4. **Cleman Francis Herbster**, b. July 16, 1887.
5. **Virginia Helen Herbster**, b. Jan. 16, 1892.
6. **Ralph Andrew Herbster**, b. Sept. 20, 1895,—Catasauqua.
7. **Flossie Irene Herbster**, b. Sept. 30, 1897.

MINNIE MAY HERBSTER, daughter of George Andrew and Janetta Elizabeth (Reitz) Herbster, born Aug. 15, 1885; married July 10, 1902, Molten Leibensperger. Their postoffice is Allentown, Pa., and they had eight children:

1. **Flossie Irene Leibensperegr**, d. young.
2. **Ralph Edwin Leibensperger**, d. young.
3. **Virgie Helen Leibensperger**, d. young.

4. **Clement Oscar Leibensperger**, d. young.
5. **Matilda Minnie Leibensperger**, d. young.
6. **Clinton Alfred Leibensperger**, b. May 10, 1906.
7. **James LeRoy Leibensperger**, b. Dec. 13, 1910.
8. **Elsie Vergie Helen Leibensperger**, b. Nov. 27, 1912.

CLINTON ALFRED LEIBENSPERGER, son of Molten and Minnie May (Herbster) Leibensperger; married Rachel Faust, and they have two children:

1. **Althea May Leibensperger**, b. July 6, 1926.
2. **June Leibensperger**, b. June 12, 1928.

CLEMAN FRANCIS HERBSTER, son of George Andrew and Janetta Elizabeth (Reitz) Herbster, born July 16, 1887; married Nov. 20, 1909, Lillian Scheirer. They live at Hokendauqua, Pa. No issue.

VIRGIN HELEN HERBSTER, daughter of George Andrew and Janetta Elizabeth (Reitz) Herbster, born at Mechanicsville, Pa., Jan. 16, 1892; married June 14, 1909, Austin Jacob Chapman Kunkle. Her postoffice is Allentown, Pa. Reformed Church member. They had three children:

1. **William George Kunkle**, b. Nov. 28, 1909, —Northampton; d. Oct. 23, 1912.

2. **Evelyn Elizabeth Kunkle,** b. Aug. 17, 1913,—Northampton.

3. **Caroline Adele Kunkle,** b. Nov. 5, 1915,—Northampton.

FLOSSIE IRENE HERBSTER, daughter of George Andrew and Janetta Elizabeth (Reitz) Herbster, born at Catasauqua, Pa., Sept. 30, 1897; married Mar. 8, 1916, William Sims Koch. She lives in Catasauqua, Pa. They had two children:

1. **Virginia Irene Koch,** b. July 26, 1917,—Bethlehem.

2. **Marion Elizabeth Koch,** b. Oct. 19, 1919, —Bethlehem.

JOHN EPHRAIM REITZ, son of Elias and Sarah (Billman) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Mar. 22, 1867; married Jan. 21, 1889, Edna Jane Leibenguth, born at Indianland, Pa., daughter of Amandus and Sallie (Benninger) Leibenguth. They live near Barnsville, Pa., and have four children:

1. **Infant,** d. in infancy.

2. **Clarence Gilbert Reitz,** b. Mar. 10, 1891; d. Mar. 24, 1891.

3. **Mabel Irene Reitz,** b. Mar. 23, 1894.

4. **Helen Jane Reitz,** b. Oct. 13, 1895.

MABEL IRENE REITZ, daughter of John and Ephraim and Edna Jane (Leibenguth) Reitz, born at Indianland, Pa., Mar. 23, 1894; married Sept. 4, 1910, Israel Koehler, born July 30, 1886, son of Harrison and Amelia (Beisel) Koehler. He is a

cement contractor. They live at Walnutport, Pa., and had two children:

1. **Harriet Louise Koehler,** b. Dec. 29, 1924; d. Jan. 3, 1925.
2. **Luella Jane Koehler,** b. Nov. 12, 1926; d. Nov. 12, 1926.

HELEN JANE REITZ, daughter of John Ephraim and Edna Jane (Leibenguth) Reitz, born at Indianland, Pa., Oct. 13, 1895; married Charles Dietrich. They live near Barnsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and have children:

ALICE SARAH REITZ, daughter of Elias and Sarah (Billman) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Mar. 18, 1871; d. Dec. 27, 1914; buried at the New Tripoli Church; married, 1st., William E. Milhime, and they had three children:

1. **John Elias Milhime,** b. Nov. 5, 1889.
2. **Bertha Jessie Milhime,** b. May 5, 1891.
3. **Sadie May Milhime,** b. June 11, 1894; d. Feb. 1908; m. Raymond Ruch.

Alice Sarah Reitz married, 2nd., on Dec. 25, 1900. Samuel Schellhammer. No issue.

JOHN ELIAS MILHIME, son of William E. and Alice Sarah (Reitz) Milhime, born near Lynnport, Pa., Nov. 5, 1889; married July 22, 1918, Mary Ann Kreglow, of Hokendauqua, Pa. He is Reformed, an iron worker; they live at 76 Second St., Hokendauqua, Pa., and have five children:

1. **Gerald Pershing Milhime**, b. Dec. 24, 1918.
2. **Eleanor Marie Milhime**, b. June 6, 1920.
3. **John Edward Milhime**, b. Nov. 23, 1922.
4. **Elizabeth Mary Milhime**, b. Sept. 18, 1924.
5. **Charles William Milhime**, b. Sept. 27, 1927.

CLARA AGNES REITZ, daughter of Elias and Sarah (Billman) Reitz, born at the Elias Reitz homestead one mile east of Lynnport, Pa., July 18, 1873; married, 1st., July 19, 1890, Jonathan Weller, b. ; d. Aug. 30, 1915, buried at Friedens Church near Slatington, Pa. They lived at Walnutport, Pa., and had ten children:

1. **Sarah Rebecca Weller**, b. Nov. 18, 1890, (m. Edwald Roberts, have one daughter).
2. **Stella May Weller**, b. Aug. 26, 1892, (m. Harvey Evans, one son).
3. **Jennie Katie Weller**, b. Nov. 13, 1894, (m. Joseph Landenbury, no issue).
4. **Alice Bertie Weller**, b. Aug. 6, 1896, (m. Lansford Schaffer, one daughter).
5. **John Elias Weller**, b. Oct. 27, 1898, (m. Carrie Kromer, one son, one daughter).
6. **Clarence Andrew Weller, b.** Mar. 31, 1901
7. **Wallace Franklin Weller**, b. Aug. 9, 1902, (m. Martha Becan, one son, three daughters).
8. **Fred Theadore Weller**, b. July 9, 1905, (m. Elizabeth Edwards).

9. **Malcomb Edward Weller,** b. Oct. 16, 1907, (m. Elizabeth Roland, one daughter).

10. **Randolph Winfield Weller,** b. Mar. 24, 1910.

Clara Agnes Reitz married, 2nd., Oscar Kistler, son of Levi Kistler, of New Tripoli, Pa., born Aug. 19, 1870, d. Mar. 21, 1928, buried at Friedens Church, near Slatington, Pa. They had their home at 420 N. Fulton St., Allentown, Pa., where she now lives. He was a painter. They were Lutheran. No issue.

AQUILLA SUSANNA REITZ, daughter of Elias and Sarah (Billman) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Aug. 7, 1880; married Frederick C. Keichel, born Sept. 16, 1885, d. Sept. 25, 1928, buried at Miller's Church, near Laurys, Pa. They lived on their farm near Rockdale, Pa., and had three children:

1. **Flossie Irene Wesner.**
2. **Thelma S.**
3. **Frederick Junior.**

FLOSSIE IRENE WESNER, daughter of Aquilla Susanna Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Feb. 20, 1898; married June 29, 1912, James Monroe Daniel Wertman, born near Lynnport, Pa., Mar. 15, 1893, son of Uriah and Jane Ellen (Everitt) Wertman. They are engaged in farming near New Tripoli, Pa., and have six children:

1. **Mildred Ellen Wertman,** b. Sept. 16, 1912.

2. **Warren Fred Wertman,** b. Apr. 16, 1915.
3. **Elwood Harry Wertman,** b. June 14, 1918.
4. **Dorothy Stella Wertman,** b. Dec. 14, 1921.
5. **Eleanor Rosa Wertman,** b. Oct. 28, 1924.
6. **Lucilla Margaret Wertman,** b. Dec. 9, 1926.

FREDERICK OSCAR REITZ, son of Elias and Sarah (Billman) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Apr. 13, 1883; married Mar. 11, 1905, Edith Jane Minerva Moyer, born Dec. 30, 1887, in Lowhill Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., daughter of John and Amanda (Gehringer) Moyer, d. Nov. 30, 1916, buried in Fairview Cemetery, Slatington, Pa. He lives at 104 N. Ellsworth St., Allentown, Pa., and they had two children:

1. **Daisy May Reitz,** b. Nov. 24, 1905, near Lynnport, Pa.
2. **James Elias John Reitz,** b. Oct. 17, 1907, at Walnutport, Pa.

DAISY MAY REITZ, daughter of Frederick Oscar and Edith Jane Minerva (Moyer) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Nov. 24, 1905; married Dec. 31, 1926, Archie Sylvanus Gangewere, born in Allentown, Pa., Nov. 1, 1900, son of Benjamin and Maryan (Kramer) Gangewere. They live at Zionsville, Pa., and have one daughter:

1. **Lorraine Helen Gangewere,** b. Sept. 29, 1927, at Zionsville, Pa.

ROSA IDA PRISCILLA REITZ, daughter of Elias and Sarah (Billman) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Jan. 3, 1885; married, 1st., Harry Billman, son of Elias and Polly (Reitz) Billman. They had one son:

1. **Fred Elias Billman,** b. Jan. 11, 1901.

Rosa Ida Priscilla Reitz married, 2nd., Edwin Heller; married 3rd., Henry Parry, and they live in Philadelphia, Pa.

LIEUT. FRED ELIAS BILLMAN, son of Harry and Rosa Ida Priscilla (Reitz) Billman, born near Lynnport, Pa., at the Elias Reitz homestead, Jan. 11, 1901; married June, 1925, Rosalie Mae Blue, born Dec. 29, 1901, daughter of Walter L. and Effie M. Blue, of Indianapolis, Ind. He is a Lutheran, a commercial engineer, and they live at 415 St. Paul St., Indianapolis, Indiana. In July 1917 he enlisted in the 47th U. S. Infantry (Regular); served with distinction in the World War in U. S. Army and in U. S. Marine Corps. While in army service in France was on eleven fronts (battles). Served in the American Army of Occupation in Germany. Served in Haiti and Santo Domingo during the Dominican Revolution. Served on Presidential Guard (Pres.Harding). Awarded: U. S. Distinguished Service Cross, Cross of the "Odre of Leopold," French Croix de Guerre, Belgium Croix de Guerre, Italian Croix de Guerre, British "Meritorious Medal," and the French Commemorative Medal. Was commissioned a Second

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Lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps in 1922. Is at present time an officer in the reserve.

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SABINA REITZ, daughter of Jonas and Catharine (Lutz) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., in 1832; d. in 1879; buried at Seiberlingsville Church; married Stephen Ebert, born in 1833, d. in 1917, buried at Seiberlingsville Church. They lived on their farm between Steins Corner and Wesnersville, Pa., and had two children:

1. **Sarah Louisa Ebert,** b. 1861.
2. **Chester Ebert,** b. 1867.

SARAH LOUISA EBERT, daughter of Stephen and Sabina (Reitz) Ebert, born in Weisenberg Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., in 1861; married, 1879, John Bailey, born 1860, d. 1907, buried on Union Cemetery, Slatington, Pa. She is Reformed and lives at Normal Square, Lehighton, R. 1, Pa. They lived during their married life at Lehighton and Walnutport, Pa., and had six children:

1. **William Bailey,** b. 1879; d. 1880.
2. **Chester Bailey,** b. 1880; d. 1881.
3. **Charles Adam Bailey,** b. 1882.
4. **Edwin Solon Bailey,** b. 1884; d. 1918.
5. **Cora Pauline Bailey,** b. Aug. 1, 1885.
6. **Gertrude Sarah Bailey,** b. 1892.

CHARLES ADAM BAILEY, son of John and Sarah Louisa (Ebert) Bailey, born in Weisenberg

Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., July 5, 1882; married, 1st., Esther L. Mantz, on June 14, 1906, d. 1918, buried at Parryville, Pa., daughter of C. J. and Kasanda (Ringer) Mantz, of Parryville, Pa. They lived at Slatington, Pa.

Charles Adam Bailey married, 2nd., on Sept. 10, 1918, Annie (Serfass) Rader, daughter of Reuben and Sarah Searfass of Kresgeville, Pa. He is a plasterer. They are Lutheran, live at Walnutport, Pa., and have one child:

Violet Sarah Bailey, b. Apr. 15, 1921, at Walnutport, Pa.

EDWIN SOLON BAILEY, son of John and Sarah Louisa (Ebert) Bailey, born Mar. 30, 1884; d. Oct. 31, 1918; buried on Union Cemetery, Slatington, Pa.; married Aug. 31, 1904, Eva Cora Souerwine, born Aug. 31, 1886, daughter of Elias Harrison and Lavina (Herman) Souerwine, of Slatington, Pa. He was a baker. They lived at Slatington, Pa., and had three children:

1. **Marian Irene Bailey,** b. Feb. 22, 1905.
2. **LeRoy Solon Bailey,** b. Sept. 17, 1906.
3. **Mildred Lavina Bailey,** b. Aug. 9, 1909; d. July 3, 1925.

MARIAN IRENE BAILEY, daughter of Edwin Solon and Eva Cora (Souerwine) Bailey, born in Slatington, Pa., Feb. 22, 1905; married July 15, 1922, Arthur Paul Peters, born Oct. 20, 1900, son of Lewis and Margaret (Foulk) Peters,

of Slatington, Pa. They live at Slatington, Pa., and have one child:

Lenore Marian Peters, b. Feb. 13, 1923.

CORA PAULINE BAILEY, daughter of John and Sarah Louisa (Ebert) Bailey, born in Weisenburg Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., Aug. 1, 1885; married June 30, 1902, Joseph F. Blose. She is Lutheran. They live at Parryville, Pa., and had one son:

Harold John Blose, b. Dec. 28, 1906; d. June 4, 1921.

GERTRUDE SARAH BAILEY, daughter of John and Sarah Louisa (Ebert) Bailey, born at Lehighton, Pa., 1892; married, 1909, Oscar J. Geiger. They are Reformed, live on their farm at Normal Square, Lehighton, R. 1, Pa., and have three children:

1. **Verna Sarah Geiger,** b. July 25, 1910.
2. **Mark George Geiger,** b. July 21, 1920.
3. **Elmer Curtis Geiger,** b. Mar. 1, 1924.

CHESTER EBERT, son of Stephen and Sabina (Reitz) Ebert, born in Weisenburg Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., in 1867; married Jane Grim, daughter of Stephen Grim, of New Tripoli, Pa. They live on their farm near Steins Corner, Pa., and have one son:

Irwin Ebert, who is married and has two children.

Part IV, Sec. 6.

CATHARINE REITZ, daughter of Jonas and Catharine (Lutz) Reitz, of near Lynnport, Pa., born near Lynnport, Pa., Nov. 27, 1825; d. Nov. 12, 1845; buried at Jacksonville Church, where a tombstone marks her grave; married John A. Leiby, son of Andrew and Eva C. (Brobst) Leiby. No issue.

Part IV, Sec. 7.

PHAON REITZ, son of Jonas and Barbara (Smith) Reitz, (his second wife), born at the Jonas Reitz homestead, one mile east of Lynnport, Pa., May 7, 1838; d. June 12, 1917; buried at New Tripoli Church, where he was for many years deacon and elder of the Ebenezer Lutheran congregation; married Lucy Ann Hunsicker, born Nov. 8, 1838, d. Aug. 23, 1900, buried at New Tripoli Church, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Bachman) Hunsicker. They lived on and tilled their farm between Lynnport and New Tripoli, Pa., and had nine children:

1. **Alvena Louisa Reitz,** b. Jan. 15, 1862.
2. **Ellen Angeline Reitz,** b. July 1, 1863.
3. **Lewis Byron Reitz,** b. Jan. 8, 1866; d. Aug. 23, 1900.
4. **Mary Regina Reitz,** b. Nov. 24, 1867.
5. **David Milton Reitz,** b. Sept. 10, 1869.
6. **Minerva Barbara Reitz,** b. May 9, 1871; d. Dec. 1, 1912,

7. **Thomas Jefferson Reitz,** b. May 8, 1873.
8. **Gertrude Sarah Reitz,** b. Apr. 25, 1875; d. May 13, 1926.
9. **Henry Jonas Reitz,** b. Jan. 10, 1877.

ALVENA LOUISA REITZ, daughter of Phaon and Lucy Ann (Hunsicker) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Jan. 15, 1862; married Feb. 26, 1882 Joseph H. Scheirer, born Apr. 1, 1854, d. Jan. 5, 1929, buried at Heidelberg Church, son of Nathan and Mary A. (Hollenbach) Scheirer. They lived at Lansdale, Pa., Titusville, N. J., and Jordan, Pa. He was a miller, and Reformed. She is Lutheran. They had three sons:

1. **Phaon M. Scheirer,** b. Jan. 24, 1883.
2. **Harvey N. Scheirer,** b. June 6, 1886.
3. **Oscar J. Scheirer,** b. Aug. 22, 1891.

PHAON M. SCHEIRER, son of Joseph H. and Alvena Louisa (Reitz) Scheirer, born at Pleasant Corner (Jordan), Pa., Jan. 24, 1883; married, Nov. 24, 1901, Daisy A. Rauch, daughter of Joseph and Amelia (Hausman) Rauch. They live on and till their farm, midway between Pleasant Corner and Schnecksville, Pa., and have two children:

1. **Earl J. Scheirer,** b. June 25, 1902.
2. **Evelyn R. Scheirer,** b. July 16, 1908.

EARL J. SCHEIRER, son of Phaon M. and Daisy A. (Rauch) Scheirer, born at Pleasant Corner (Jordan), Pa., June 25, 1902; married Lillie A. Mantz, daughter of William D. and Adda

A. (Krause) Mantz. They live with Phaon M. Scheirer and have two children:

1. **Verna A. Scheirer,** b. Sept. 24, 1924, at New Tripoli, Pa.

2. **Anna D. Scheirer,** b. Aug. 26, 1928, near Schnecksville, Pa.

EVELYN R. SCHEIRER, daughter of Phaon M. and Daisy A. (Rauch) Scheirer, born at Pleasant Corner (Jordan,) Pa., July 16, 1908; married Russell Wertman; live at Kutztown, R. 4, and have one child:

Shirley W. Wertman, b. Jan. 29, 1929.

HARVEY N. SCHEIRER, son of Joseph H. and Alvena Louisa (Reitz) Scheirer, born at Lansdale, Pa., June 6, 1886; married June 10, 1916, Florence May Hanson. They live at Haddonfield, N. J., where he is assistant treasurer, secretary and manager of the Taylor White Extracting Co.

OSCAR J. SCHEIRER, son of Joseph H. and Alvena Louisa (Reitz) Scheirer, born at Titusville, N. J., Aug. 22, 1891; married Lorena J. Handwerk, daughter of Amandus P. and Melissa (Rauch) Handwerk. They live at Pleasant Corner (Jordan), Pa., and have one daughter:

Mildred A. M. Scheirer, b. Feb. 18, 1913.

ELLEN ANGELINE REITZ, daughter of Phaon and Lucy Ann (Hunsicker) Reitz, born at

Lynnport, Pa., July 1, 1863; married Jan. 21, 1883, Allen J. Kistler, born Jan. 1, 1857, d. Dec. 30, 1927, buried at New Tripoli Church, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kistler, Mossersville, Pa. They lived on and tilled their farm at Mossersville, Pa., which was formerly the homestead of her grandfather Peter Hunsicker and last at New Tripoli, Pa. They had eight children:

1. **Howard Kistler,** b. Dec. 11, 1883; d. Feb. 26, 1921.
2. **Ada Lucy Kistler,** b. Apr. 1, 1885.
3. **Mary Ellen Kistler,** b. July 1, 1887; d. Nov. 19, 1903.
4. **Gertrude E. Kistler,** b. Sept. 11, 1889.
5. **Viola N. Kistler,** b. Apr. 23, 1891.
6. **Ida M. Kistler,** b. Mar. 8, 1893.
7. **John P. Kistler,** b. Jan. 21, 1898.
8. **Sallie I. Kistler,** b. Mar. 26, 1905.

HOWARD C. KISTLER, son of Allen J. and Ellen Angeline (Reitz) Kistler, born at Mosserville, Pa., Dec. 11, 1883; d. Feb. 26, 1922; buried at the New Tripoli Church. He was Lutheran and engaged in farming at Mosserville, Pa.; married, 1st., Quilla A. E. L. Weiss, born Sept. 30, 1888, d. Sept. 1, 1914, buried at the New Tripoli Church, daughter of John Weiss, and they had a son Ernest. Howard C. Kistler, married 2nd., Emma T. Herber, daughter of Alfred J. and Amanda M. (Sieger) Herber, and they had three children: Mark, Willard and Paul.

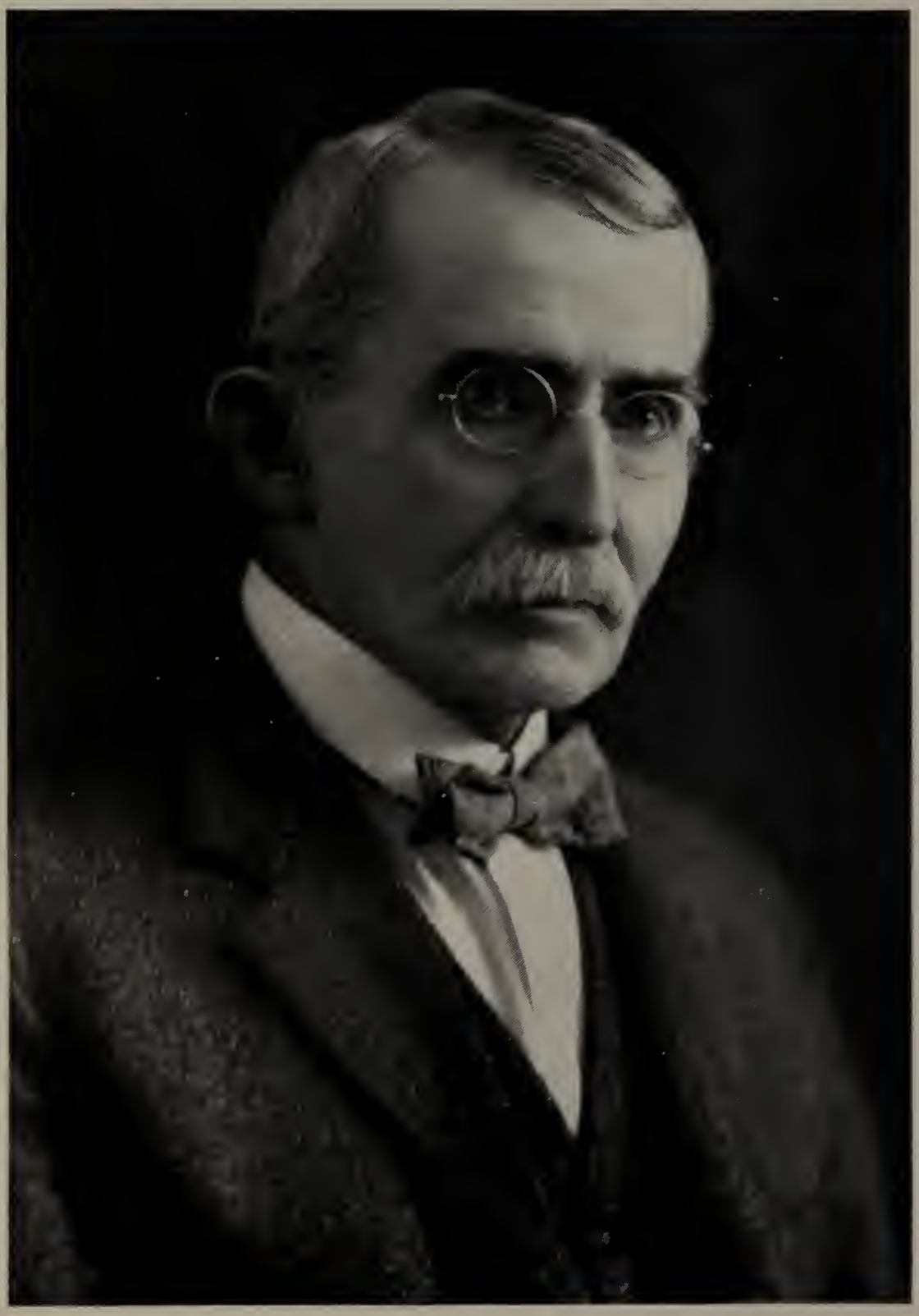
ADA LUCY KISTLER, daughter of Allen J. and Ellen Angeline (Reitz) Kistler, born at Mosserville, Pa., Apr. 1, 1885; married Apr. 23, 1904, James W. Lauchnor, of near New Tripoli, Pa. They live on their farm about a mile east of Schnecksville, Pa., where they are engaged in farming, and have nine children:

1. **Miriam Lizzie Lauchnor,** b. Sept. 8, 1904.
2. **Ella Mae Lauchnor,** b. Dec. 11, 1906.
3. **Lucy Ada Lauchner,** b. July 31, 1908.
4. **Arline Pearl Lauchnor,** b. Aug. 29, 1911.
5. **Ruth Edna Lauchnor,** b. Dec. 7, 1912.
6. **Gertrude Ida Lauchnor,** b. Feb. 2, 1914.
7. **Beatrice Kistler Lauchnor,** b. Sept. 30, 1916.
8. **Carl James Lauchnor,** b. May 28, 1919; d. Dec. 13, 1919.
9. **Clark Howard Lauchnor,** b. May 15, 1922.

MIRIAM LIZZIE LAUCHNOR, daughter of James W. and Ada Lucy (Kistler) Lauchnor, born Sept. 8, 1904; married Norman Schneck, of Rising Sun, and they have three children, the first two being twins:

1. **Kathryn Ada Schneck,** b. Oct. 2, 1926.
2. **Anna Mirian Schneck,** b. Oct. 2, 1926.
3. **Gertrude Ella Schneck,** b. May 30, 1929.

GERTRUDE E. KISTLER, daughter of Allen J. and Ellen Angeline (Reitz) Kistler, born at Mosserville, Pa., Sept. 11, 1889; married Dec.



JOSEPH H. SCHEIRER
Of Jordan, Pa.
Born April 1, 1854, died January 5, 1929

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ALVENA L. (REITZ) SCHEIRER
Wife of Joseph H. Scheirer, of Jordan, Pa.

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18, 1915, Fred D. Weiss, who is a school teacher. They are members of Ebenezer Church, New Tripoli, Pa., live at New Tripoli, Pa., and had one daughter, Ruth Gertrude, b. Dec. 5, 1920; d. Dec. 20, 1920.

VIOLA N. KISTLER, daughter of Allen J. and Ellen Angeline (Reitz) Kistler, born at Mosserville, Pa., Apr. 23, 1891; married Oct. 19, 1912, Frank H. Hamm, son of John J. and Louisa (Leiby) Hamm of near Lynnport, Pa. They are members of Ebenezer Church, New Tripoli, Pa., live on their farm where they are engaged in farming about half a mile east of Lynnport, Pa., and have five children:

1. **Allen J. Hamm,** b. Feb. 15, 1913.
2. **Helen M. Hamm,** b. Feb. 15, 1916.
3. **Stewart F. Hamm,** b. June 20, 1920.
4. **Clark K. Hamm,** b. Nov. 11, 1923.
5. **Anna V. Hamm,** b. Sept. 18, 1926.

IDA M. KISTLER, daughter of Allen J. and Ellen Angeline (Reitz) Kistler, born at Mosserville, Pa., Mar. 8, 1893; married Oct. 8, 1921 Elmer W. Fisher, who is assistant cashier of the New Tripoli National Bank. They are active Lutheran members of Ebenezer Church, New Tripoli, Pa., have their home in New Tripoli, Pa., and have two children:

1. **Ruth Eleanor Fisher,** b. May 18, 1923.
2. **Grace Ida Fisher,** b. Feb. 6, 1925.

JOHN P. KISTLER, son of Allen J. and Ellen Angeline (Reitz) Kistler, born at Mosserville, Pa., Jan. 21, 1898; married Aug. 14, 1920, Ether E. Dry. He is Lutheran, merchant and station agent at Lenhartsville, Pa. They have one child, Allta Jane Kistler.

SALLIE IRENE KISTLER, daughter of Allen J. and Ellen Angeline (Reitz) Kistler, born at Mosserville, Pa., Mar. 26, 1905; married June 23, 1929, Harold F. Arndt. They live at 2034 Pennsylvania St., Allentown, Pa., where they are members of Dubbs Memorial Reformed church.

LEWIS BYRON REITZ, son of Phaon and Lucy Ann (Hunsicker) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Jan. 8, 1866; d. Aug. 23, 1900,and is buried at the Heidelberg Church; married Nov. 25, 1883, Amanda Jane Smith, daughter of William and Leanna (Bachman) Smith, born near Pleasant Corner (Jordan), Aug. 14, 1863. They lived and farmed on a farm which was formerly the homestead of her father, midway between Pleasant Corner and Germansville, Pa. He engaged also there for several years in distilling applejack, and served also as school director. They had nine children:

1. **Morris Byron Reitz,** b. Apr. 27, 1884; d. Jan. 26, 1890.
2. **Oscar Phaon Reitz,** b. July 5, 1885.
3. **George William Reitz,** b. May 21, 1887; d. Sept. 5, 1887.

4. **Harvey Henry Reitz,** b. Jan. 15, 1890; d. Aug. 22, 1890.
5. **Mary Jane Reitz,** b. Apr. 28, 1893.
6. **Hilda May Reitz,** b. May 22, 1895; d. Aug. 30, 1895.

Infant Son, b. Dec. 21, 1896; d. in infancy.

8. **Wilmer William Reitz,** b. Sept. 6, 1899; d. Aug. 30, 1900.
9. **Elva Leanna Reitz,** b. Apr. 2, 1901; d. Nov. 21, 1904.

OSCAR PHAON REITZ, son of Lewis Byron and Amanda Jane (Smith) Reitz, born near Pleasant Corner (Jordan), Pa., July 5, 1885; married Jan. 11, 1903, Emma Louisa Kressly, daughter of James and Eliza (Krause) Kressly, born Nov. 6, 1883. They live and are engaged in farming on a farm which was formerly the homestead of his father and grandfather, William Smith, midway between Pleasant Corner and Germansville, Pa. They have five children:

1. **Roma Hilda Reitz,** b. July 2, 1903; d. June 27, 1904.
2. **Rolan Lewis Reitz,** b. Jan. 29, 1906; d. July 30, 1906.
3. **William J. Reitz,** b. Mar. 21, 1909.
4. **Madeline May Reitz,** b. July 9, 1911.
5. **Ellen Amanda Reitz,** b. July 21, 1920.

WILLIAM JAMES REITZ, son of Oscar Phaon and Emma Louisa (Kressly) Reitz, born near

Pleasant Corner, Mar. 21, 1909; married Aug. 31, 1929, Anna Eda Heilman, daughter of Samuel Edwin and Eda Caroline (Litzenberger) Heilman, born July 24, 1908.

MARY JANE REITZ, daughter of Lewis Byron and Amanda Jane (Smith) Reitz, born near Pleasant Corner (Jordan,) Pa., April 28, 1893; married Dec. 23, 1911, Elmer Victor Bittner, son of Phaon and Amanda Jane (Snyder) Bittner. They live in Germansville, Pa., and conduct the grist mill. They have one son:

Lawrence Elmer Bittner, b. July 10, 1912.

MARY REGINA REITZ, daughter of Phaon and Lucy Ann (Hunsicker) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Nov. 24, 1867; married Jan. 6, 1889, Henry Franklin Smith, born in Heidelberg Township, Apr. 1, 1869, son of William Franklin and Leanna (Bachman) Smith. At various times they were engaged in the hotel and store business, drover business, farming, distilling of applejack, and since 1905 are living in the Pleasant Corner Hotel, Jordan, Pa., which they conduct. He has been school director of Heidelberg Township, and trustee and elder of Heidelberg Reformed Church. They have seven children:

1. **Wilmer Franklin Smith,** b. July 30, 1889.
2. **Harvey Henry Smith,** b. Nov. 22, 1891.
3. **Clayton William Smith,** b. July 25, 1893.
4. **Irvin Phaon Smith,** b. Dec. 31, 1895.
5. **Victor John Smith,** b. May 12, 1899.

6. **Clara May Smith,** b. July 12, 1901.
7. **George Reitz Smith,** b. Mar. 8, 1911.

WILMER FRANKLIN SMITH, son of Henry Franklin and Mary Regina (Reitz) Smith, born near Pleasant Corner (Jordan), Pa., July 30, 1889; married Sept. 25, 1926, Perma Juliann Leiby, born near Germansville, Pa., Sept. 15, 1902, daughter of Lewis Daniel and Alice Victoria (Krum) Leiby. They live at Pleasant Corner (Jordan), Pa., and he is a merchant conducting the store there, member of Reformed Heidelberg Church. They have two children:

1. **James Franklin Smith,** b. Apr. 25, 1927, in Allentown, Pa.
2. **Shirley Virginia Smith,** b. July 31, 1928, at Jordan, Pa.

HARVEY HENRY SMITH, son of Henry Franklin and Mary Regina (Reitz) Smith, born near Pleasant Corner (Jordan), Pa., Nov. 22, 1891; married Oct. 31, 1914, Estella May Handwerk, born July 10, 1894, daughter of Amandus Peter and Melissa Alice (Rauch) Handwerk. He is a salesman and member of Heidelberg Reformed Church. They live at Pleasant Corner (Jordan), Pa., and have three children:

1. **Sue Mae Smith,** b. Feb. 12, 1915, at Jordan, Pa.
2. **Marie Mary Smith,** b. Mar. 1, 1916, at Jordan, Pa.

3. **Sallie Stella Smith,** b. Oct. 22, 1919, at Jordan, Pa.

CLAYTON WILLIAM SMITH, son of Henry Franklin and Mary Regina (Reitz) Smith, born at Best's Station, Pa., July 25, 1893; married Feb. 28, 1920, Mabel May Hunsicker, born in Heidelberg Township, Aug. 12, 1902, daughter of Henry Albert and Helena Elizabeth (Handwerk) Hunsicker. He is a railroader and member of Heidelberg Reformed Church. They live at Pleasant Corner (Jordan), Pa., and have two children:

1. **Catherine Mabel Smith,** b. June 6, 1920, near Saegersville, Pa.; d. Apr. 21, 1921; buried at Heidelberg Church.
2. **Henry Hunsicker Smith,** b. Nov. 13, 1925, in Allentown, Pa.

IRVIN PHAON SMITH, son of Henry Franklin and Mary Regina (Reitz) Smith, born near Pleasant Corner (Jordan), Pa., Dec. 31, 1895; married Dec. 6, 1913, Hattie Emma Kunkle, born Feb. 20, 1896, daughter of Howard and Acquilla (Sittler) Kunkle, d. June 12, 1923, buried on Grandview Cemetery, Allentown, Pa. He is employed at Whistle Bottling Co., Allentown, member of Heidelberg Reformed Church, and lives at 628 Poplar St., Allentown, Pa. They had one child:

1. **Geraldine Smith,** b. June 20, 1914, at Jordan, Pa.

VICTOR JOHN SMITH, son of Henry Franklin and Mary Regina (Reitz) Smith, born near Best's, Pa., May 12, 1899; married July 30, 1921, Esther Emma Leiby, born Nov. 16, 1902, at Mosserville, Pa., daughter of Albert and Emma (Boger) Leiby. He is a truck driver, and member of Heidelberg Reformed Church. They live at 628 N. Poplar St., Allentown, Pa., and have three children:

1. **Harold Victor Smith,** b. Mar. 22, 1922, at Mosserville, Pa.; d. Mar. 26, 1922; buried at New Tripoli Church.
2. **Mary Emma Smith,** b. May 12, 1923, at Mosserville, Pa.
3. **Ruth Esther Smith,** b. May 29, 1925, in Allentown, Pa.

CLARA MARY SMITH, daughter of Henry Franklin and Mary Regina (Reitz) Smith, born near Best's Station, Pa., July 12, 1901; married Jan. 6, 1921, Willis Nathan Hunsicker, born Oct. 4, 1897, son of Jacob Edward and Agnes Emaline (Bittner) Hunsicker. She is a member of Heidelberg Reformed Church. They live at Germansville, Pa., and have two children:

1. **Marion Grace Hunsicker,** b. July 25, 1921, at Jordan, Pa.
2. **Dorothy Mae Hunsicker,** b. Apr. 11, 1930, at Germansville.

GEORGE REITZ SMITH, son of Henry Franklin and Mary Regina (Reitz) Smith, born at

Pleasant Corner (Jordan), Pa., Mar. 8, 1911, a member of Heidelberg Reformed Church, and is at home with his parents, Jordan, Pa.

DAVID MILTON REITZ, son of Phaon and Lucy Ann (Hunsicker) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Sept. 10, 1869, was raised on his father's farm where he worked during the summer and attended the public schools during the winter. At the age of 20 he desired to become a carpenter, and with the skill and aptitude for handling tools he provided himself with a hatchet, saw and square, and in 1889 went to Blackwood, 10 miles west of Pottsville, Pa., where there was a demand for carpenters and worked there as a carpenter two years. In 1892 he moved to Slatington, Pa., and worked as a carpenter and foreman for Henry Bachman twelve years. In 1905 he and George B. Snyder formed a partnership firm as builders and contractors in and about Slatington, Pa., and in 1907 they transferred their operations to Palmerton, Pa., where they have continued to date as the firm of Reitz & Snyder, where they constructed a large number of the fine and modern residences and other large buildings of Palmerton. They also conduct a planing mill and lumber yard, a sand quarry, hardware store and cement block making business.

He always took an active part in church matters. He was deacon ten years and treasurer four years of St. John's Lutheran Church, Slatington, Pa. He

ELLEN A. (REITZ) KISTLER
Wife of the deceased Allen J. Kistler, of New Tripoli, Pa.

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D. M. REITZ
Of Palmerton, Pa.

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was a foremost promotor and charter member in organizing and building Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, of Palmerton, Pa., of which flourishing new congregation he served as deacon and trustee since its inception in 1914, and treasurer ten years, and Sunday School Superintendent from the beginning for fifteen years—there being present at the first meeting 22 and fifteen years later 322 were enrolled. He has been honored by the Lutheran Church at Large by being three successive times a delegate of the Pennsylvania Ministerium to the United Lutheran Church Conventions held at Richmond, Va., Erie, Pa., and Milwaukee, Wis.

He was one of the organizers of the Citizens Bank, of Palmerton, Pa., in 1917, and vice president thereof till 1923, when he became president of it till 1928, when a merger was effected with another bank of Palmerton and he became the vice president of the new organization, known as the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. He has been treasurer of the Reitz Reunion from its organization in 1915 to date.

He married, 1st., May 17, 1891, Mary Jane Snyder, born Aug. 28, 1871, d. Aug. 27, 1900, buried at New Tripoli Church, daughter of Nathan and Maria (George) Snyder and they had three children:

1. **Edna Mae Reitz,** b. Feb. 8, 1893; d. Oct. 14, 1918.
2. **Norma Helen Reitz,** b. June 19, 1895.
3. **Earl Milton Reitz,** b. Apr. 24, 1900.

David Milton Reitz married, 2nd., on Jan. 1, 1903, Mary Agnes Kunkle, born at Aquashicola, Pa., Aug. 24, 1870, daughter of George and Sarah (Engler) Kunkle, and they have one son:

1. (4) **Luther George Reitz,** b. July 4, 1908.

EDNA MAE REITZ, daughter of David Milton and Mary Jane (Snyder) Reitz, born at New Tripoli, Pa., Feb. 8, 1893; d. at Jersey City, N. J., Oct. 14, 1918; buried at West Penn Church, Schuylkill Co., Pa.; married Mar. 7, 1917, Oscar Steigerwalt, of West Penn, Pa., d. Oct. 8, 1918, buried at West Penn, Pa. She was a Lutheran.

NORMA HELEN REITZ, daughter of David Milton and Mary Jane (Snyder) Reitz, born at Slatington, Pa., June 19, 1895; Lutheran; married Jan. 10, 1919, Wilmer Howard Mantz, son of William D. and Adda A. (Krause) Mantz, of New Tripoli, Pa., and they have six children:

1. **Franklin Howard Mantz,** b. Mar. 18, 1920.
2. **Richard David Mantz,** b. Feb. 13, 1922.
3. **Frederick Lincoln Mantz,** b. Feb. 12, 1924.
4. **Arthur Earl Mantz,** b. July 20, 1925.
5. **Ruth Esther Mantz,** b. Nov. 16, 1927.
6. **Roma Edna Mantz,** b. Nov. 16, 1927.

EARL MILTON REITZ, son of David Milton and Mary Jane (Snyder) Reitz, born at Slatington, Pa., Apr. 24, 1900; married June 25, 1921, Ada Naomi Krill, daughter of Robert and Annie (Anthony) Krill, of Slatington, Pa. He is a Luth-

eran, machinist and conducts an automobile machine shop and garage in Palmerton, Pa., where they live and have two children:

1. **Lois Elizabeth Reitz,** b. Nov. 6, 1921.
2. **Eleanor Krill Reitz,** b. Nov. 14, 1922.

LUTHER GEORGE REITZ, son of David Milton and Mary Agnes (Kunkle) Reitz, born at Slatington, Pa., July 14, 1908, a Lutheran and student at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa. His home is with his parents, Palmerton, Pa.

MINERVA BARBARA REITZ, daughter of Phaon and Lucy Ann (Hunsicker) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., May 9, 1871; d. Dec. 1, 1912; buried at New Tripoli Church; married Jan. 1, 1893, Menno G. Wehr, son of Stephen and his wife (Hoffman) Wehr, born June 6, 1869, d. Mar. 7, 1925, buried at New Tripoli Church. They lived at New Tripoli, Pa., and had eleven children:

1. **Eva Minerva Wehr,** b. Aug. 5, 1893.
2. **LeRoy Menno Wehr,** b. Mar. 14, 1896.
3. **Alma Lucy Wehr,** b. , 1898.
4. **Margaret Ruth Wehr,** b. Feb. 6, 1900.
5. **Phaon Joseph Wehr,** b. Jan. 20, 1903, at New Tripoli, Pa.
6. **Stephen Henry Wehr,** b. Jan. 20, 1903, at New Tripoli, Pa.
7. **Lucy Sarah Wehr,** b. , 1904.
8. **Marie Wehr,** b. Nov. 24, 1905; d. Dec. 7, 1906.

9. **Infant son,** d. July 29, 1908.
10. **Dorothy Arline Wehr,** b. Dec. 1909.
11. **Mildred Reitz Wehr,** b. Jan. 1911.

EVA MINERVA WEHR, daughter of Menno and Minerva Barbara (Reitz) Wehr, born near Lynnport, Pa., Aug. 5, 1893; married Jan. 1, 1915, Rosco W. Fichthorn. They live at 4140 Castor Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

LeROY MENNO WEHR, son of Menno and Minerva Barbara (Reitz) Wehr, born at New Tripoli, Pa., Mar. 14, 1896; married Nov. 20, 1920, Minerva C. Rentschler, born Apri 6, 1896. He is Reformed, a painter. They live at Shartlesville, Berks Co., Pa., and have four children:

1. **Mae Marie Wehr,** b. Feb. 25, 1921.
2. **Leon William Wehr,** b. May 8, 1922.
3. **Doris Minerva Wehr,** b. Oct. 15, 1924.
4. **Pearl Jean Wehr,** b. Sept. 18, 1926.

ALMA LUCY WEHR, daughter of Menno and Minerva Barbara (Reitz) Wehr, born at New Tripoli, Pa., 1898; married Clarence Machemer. They live at 3227 Potter St., Philadelphia, Pa., and have three children:

1. **Clarence**
2. **Mae**
3. **Dorothy**

MARGARET RUTH WEHR, daughter of Minerva Barbara (Reitz) Wehr, born at Pottsville,

Pa., Feb. 6, 1900; married Mar. 1, 1918, John Hallihan. They live at 3215 Potter St., Philadelphia, Pa., and have three children:

1. **Donald Hallihan**, b. Dec. 12, 1918.
2. **William Hallihan**, b. Dec. 29, 1920.
3. **Margaret Hallihan**, b. June 4, 1926.

LUCY SARAH WEHR, daughter of Menno and Minerva Barbara (Reitz) Wehr, born 1904; married Jack Folk. They live in Philadelphia, Pa.

MILDRED WEHR, daughter of Menno G. and Minerva Barbara (Reitz) Wehr, born Jan. 1911; married on Easter 1930. Edwin Glatthorn, They live in Philadelphia, Pa.

THOMAS JEFFERSON REITZ, son of Phaon and Lucy Ann (Hunsicker) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., May 8, 1873; married Alvena Victoria Brobst, born near Lynnport, Pa., May 22, 1881, d. Nov. 28, 1918, buried at New Tripoli Church, daughter of Isaac K. and Mary Ann (Rau) Brobst, of near Lynnport, Pa. They lived at Lynnport, Pa., and had seven children:

1. **Helen Verna Reitz**, b. June 15, 1900; m. Apr. 16, 1922. Charles Seitz. No. issue.
2. **Mark Elwood Reitz**, b. July 4, 1902, lives at Coatesville, Pa.
3. **Loraine Norman Reitz**, b. July 12, 1905; d. July 13, 1917.
4. **Wayne Henry Reitz**, b. Oct. 7, 1906.
5. **Allen Jennings Reitz**, b. Sept. 12, 1909.

6. **George Ezra Reitz,** b. Jan. 7, 1912.
7. **Minnie Arlene Reitz,** b. June 12, 1913.

These children were all born at Lynnport, Pa., and Thomas Jefferson Reitz lives now at 1512 N. Front St., Reading, Pa.

STELLA MAY REITZ, daughter of Thomas Jefferson Reitz, son of Phaon and Lucy Ann (Hunsicker) Reitz, and Ida J. Rau, daughter of Edwin and Mary (Philips) Rau, of near Lynnport, Pa., born Oct. 16, 1899; married Howard Loch, son of Peter and Annie (Heintzelman) Loch, of New Tripoli, Pa. They own and occupy the farm which was formerly the homestead of Lawrence Reitz, near Lynnport, Pa., and have three children:

1. **Earl Howard Loch,** b. Sept. 1913.
2. **Merlyn Paul Loch,** b. July, 1925.
3. **Nevin Peter Loch,** b. June 17, 1928; d. Apr. 5, 1929.

GERTRUDE SARAH REITZ, daughter of Phaon and Lucy Ann (Hunsicker) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Apr. 25, 1875; d. in Palmerton, Pa., May 13, 1926; buried at New Tripoli Church; Lutheran; married Oct. 22, 1892, Harvey Elmer Reimert, son of William and Jane (Follweiler) Reimert, who was the daughter of Daniel and Mary (Polly) (Reitz of Andreas) Follweiler. They lived in Palmerton, Pa., and had two sons:

1. **Raymond Daniel Reimert,** b. Nov. 22, 1893; d. Aug. 18, 1922.
2. **Harold Earl Reimert,** b. May 17, 1906.

RAYMOND DANIEL REIMERT, son of Harvey Elmer and Gertrude Sarah (Reitz) Reimert, born at New Tripoli, Pa., Nov. 22, 1893; d. in Allentown, Pa., Aug. 18, 1922; buried at Allentown, Pa.; married Nov. 26, 1914, Esther V. Snyder. He was a railroader and Lutheran. They lived in Allentown, Pa., and had two children:

1. **R. Mervin Reimert,** b. Dec. 14, 1915.
2. **Carl E. Reimert,** b. Feb. 2, 1919; d. Feb. 14, 1923.

HAROLD EARL REIMERT, son of Harvey Elmer and Gertrude Sarah (Reitz) Reimert, born at New Tripoli, Pa., May 17, 1906, a glass blower and Lutheran, and lives in Palmerton, Pa.

HENRY JONAS REITZ, son of Phaon and Lucy Ann (Hunsicker) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Jan. 10, 1877; married Aug. 3, 1894, Mary Elizabeth Oswald, born near Best, Pa., Aug. 23, 1876, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Scheirer) Oswald. He is a Lutheran. They lived formerly near Best, Pa., but live for many years near Ironton (Coplay, R. 1), Pa., where they are engaged in farming and have 10 children:

1. **Claude Samuel Reitz,** b. Feb. 19, 1894.
2. **Edgar Phaon Reitz,** b. Oct. 27, 1895.
3. **Chester Henry Reitz,** b. June 27, 1897.
4. **Freddie Milton Reitz,** b. Dec. 6, 1898; d. Jan. 5, 1899.
5. **Esther Elizabeth Reitz,** b. July 29, 1900.

6. **Paul Vernon Reitz,** b. May 6, 1902.
7. **Olive Mary Reitz,** b. Oct. 11, 1904.
8. **Kermit Charles Reitz,** b. Mar. 29, 1906.
9. **Lucy Amanda Reitz,** b. June 1, 1909.
10. **Frances Anna Reitz,** b. Dec. 1, 1918.

CLAUDE SAMUEL REITZ, son of Henry Jonas and Mary Elizabeth (Oswald) Reitz, born near Best, Pa., Feb. 19, 1894; married Mar. 21, 1914, Florence Irene Bradford, born Nov. 26, 1894, daughter of Howard Ellsworth and Clara Lovinia, (Houser) Bradford, of Walnutport, Pa. They live at 31 South Madison St., Allentown, Pa., and have one child:

Donald Bradford Reitz, b. Dec. 23, 1914.

EDGAR PHAON REITZ, son of Henry Jonas and Mary Elizabeth (Oswald) Reitz, born near Best, Pa., Oct. 27, 1895; married Apr. 7, 1917, Hattie Sallieann Blose, born Aug. 22, 1894, daughter of James O. and Alice M. (Snyder) Blose. He is Reformed, a silk weaver. They live near Slatedale, Pa. (Slatington, R. 2, Pa.); and have 2 children:

1. **Lucille Elizabeth Reitz,** b. Nov. 9, 1919.
2. **Infant Son,** d. infancy.

CHESTER HENRY REITZ, son of Henry Jonas and Mary Elizabeth (Oswald) Reitz, born near Best, Pa., June 27, 1897; married May 14, 1921, Mamie Elizabeth Wotring, born May 2,

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Of Jordan (Pleasant Corner), Pa.

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MARY R. (REITZ) SMITH
Wife of Henry F. Smith of Jordan (Pleasant Corner), Pa.

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1903, daughter of Theodore Evan and Margaret Lena (Boyer) Wotring. He is a farmer and a Lutheran. Their address is Allentown, R. 1, Pa., and they have two children:

1. **Theodore Henry Reitz,** b. Nov. 8, 1921, at Ironton, Pa.

2. **Robert Charles Reitz,** b. May 31, 1924, at Schnecksville, Pa.

ESTHER ELIZABETH REITZ, daughter of Henry Jonas and Mary Elizabeth (Oswald) Reitz, born near Best, Pa., July 29, 1900; married Floyd Buchecker. They live at 320 North Sixth St., Allentown, Pa., and have one child:

Dorothy Mary Buchecker, b. Aug. 7, 1919.

PAUL VERNON REITZ, son of Henry Jonas and Mary Elizabeth (Oswald) Reitz, born near Best, Pa., May 6, 1902; married July 19, 1923, Arlene May Paules, born June 8, 1906, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Williams) Paules. He is an engineer and Lutheran. They live at Fogelsville, Pa., and have four children:

1. **Dorothy May Reitz,** b. June 24, 1924, at Slatedale, Pa.

2. **Betty Mary Reitz,** b. July 8, 1925, at Slatedale, Pa.

3. **Jean Elizabeth Reitz,** b. Dec. 31, 1926, at Ormrod, Pa.

4. **Richard Paul Reitz,** b. June 27, 1929, at Fogelsville, Pa.

OLIVE MARY REITZ, daughter of Henry Jonas and Mary Elizabeth (Oswald) Reitz, born near Emerald, Pa., Oct. 11, 1904; married Dec. 24, 1925, Herbert Charles Schneck, born Aug. 4, 1903, son of Joshua and Alice (DeLong Schneck). He is an automobile mechanic. They are Lutheran, live at Schnecksville, Pa.. and have one child:

Dale Herbert Schneck, b. June 19, 1929, at Schnecksville, Pa.

KERMIT CHARLES REITZ, son of Henry Jonas and Mary Elizabeth (Oswald) Reitz, born near Emerald, Pa., Mar. 29, 1907; married Oct. 2, 1926, Pearl Marguerite Heinly, born Nov. 26, 1909, daughter of Howard Franklin and Estella Mae (Schneck) Heinly, of Schnecksville, Pa. They are Lutheran and live at Schnecksville, Pa.

LUCY AMANDA REITZ, daughter of Henry Jonas and Mary Elizabeth (Oswald) Reitz, born near Emerald, Pa., June 1, 1909; married Aug. 11 1928, Adolph George Necker, born June 29, 1907, son of Mr. and Hannah (Newstetter) Necker. They live at 752 North Eighth St., Allentown, Pa., and have one child:

Marilyn Fay Necker, b. Feb. 8, 1929.

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DAVID REITZ, son of Jonas and Barbara (Smith) Reitz, b. near Lynnport, Pa., Feb. 10, 1840; d. May 3, 1864, and is buried at the New

Tripoli Church; married Sarah A. Schitz, born Nov. 27, 1840, d. Oct. 15, 1896, buried at the New Tripoli Church, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Brobst) Schitz. They lived on a farm half a mile east of Lynnport, Pa., and had three children:

1. **James Madison Reitz,** b. Dec. 1, 1860.
2. **Ida Janetta Reitz,** b. Aug. 22, 1862.
3. **Aaron Milton Reitz,** b. Jan. 26, 1864; d. July 25, 1928.

JAMES MADISON REITZ, son of David and Sarah A. (Schitz) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Dec. 1, 1860; married Sarah B. Christ, born Feb. 5, 1861, d. Jan. 11, 1929, and is buried at the Jacksonville Church. He is a shoemaker, and they lived at Allentown, Pa.

IDA JANETTA REITZ, daughter of David and Sarah A. (Schitz) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Aug. 22, 1862; married Sept. 1882, to Jalleson Daniel Oscar Moyer, born May 14, 1859, d. Nov. 6, 1918, and is buried at the New Tripoli Church, son of Daniel and Eliza (Kistler) Moyer. They lived on and farmed their farm midway betewen Lynnport and New Tripoli, Pa., and had four children:

1. **Flora Leanora Moyer,** b. Jan. 14, 1883.
2. **Oscar Aaron Moyer,** b. Dec. 14, 1884.
3. **Edgar John Moyer,** b. Jan. 2, 1887.
4. **Herden David Moyer,** b. Mar. 1, 1898.

FLORA LEANORA MOYER, daughter of Jalleson Daniel Oscar and Ida Janetta (Reitz) Moyer, born near Lynnport, Pa., Jan. 14, 1883; married Nov. 9, 1904, Samuel Thomas Waidelich, born at Steinsville, Pa., Nov. 30, 1881, son of Dexter and Janetta (Lutz) Waidelich. They live on and farm their farm, midway between Lynnport and New Tripoli, Pa. He is also a Notary Public. They have four children:

1. **Harry Thomas Waidelich,** b. Sept. 23, 1905; d. June 6, 1925.
2. **Archie Jalleson Waidelich,** born Feb. 13, 1907, and he is cashier of the Kempton, Pa., bank.
3. **Sadie Ida Janetta Waidelich,** born June 12, 1910.
4. **Dorothy Flora Waidelich,** born Jan. 2, 1922.

SADIE IDA JANETTA WAIDELICH, daughter of Samuel Thomas and Flora Leanora (Moyer) Waidelich, born June 12, 1910, near Lynnport, Pa.; married June 25, 1928, to Lewis Mosser Snyder, born son of Granville and Annie (Mosser) Snyder, of Mossersville, Pa. They live at Mossersville, Pa., and have one child:

Virgina Dolores Snyder, b. Mar. 9, 1930.

OSCAR AARON MOYER, son of Jalleson Daniel Oscar and Ida Janetta (Reitz) Moyer, born near Lynnport, Pa., Dec. 14, 1884; married Jan. 2. 1912, Annie Ada Bachman, born Dec. 12, 1891,

WILLIAM HARRISON REITZ
Of Lynnport, Pa.
Born October 31, 1842, died June 27, 1930.

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BRIGITTA (SCHITZ) REITZ
Born March 23, 1843, died June 11, 1911.
Wife of William Harrison Reitz, of Lynnport, Pa.

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near Lynnville, Pa., daughter of Reuben and Senia (Peters) Bachman. They live on their farm near Pleasant Corner (Jordan), Pa., and have two children:

1. **Infant Son,** b. May 19, 1917; d. in infancy.
2. **Violet Bachman Moyer,** b. June 1, 1918.

EDGAR JOHN MOYER, son of Jalleson Daniel Oscar and Ida Janetta (Reitz) Moyer, born Jan. 2, 1887, near Lynnport, Pa.; married Thanksgiving 1911, Ida Ellen Bachman, born Mar. 5, 1889, near Lynnville, Pa., daughter of Reuben and Senia (Peter) Bachman. They live on and are engaged in farming their farm between Pleasant Corner (Jordan), Pa., and Schnecksville, Pa., and have three children:

1. **Clair Edgar Moyer,** b. Apr. 5, 1912.
2. **Ramen Bachman Moyer,** b. Sept. 24, 1918; d. Sept. 30, 1918.
3. **Dorothea Ida Moyer,** b. July 31, 1923.

HERDEN DAVID MOYER, son of Jalleson Daniel Oscar and Ida Janetta (Reitz) Moyer, born near Lynnport, Pa., Mar. 1, 1898; married Mar. 4, 1917, Edna Sabilla German, born Aug. 19, 1896, daughter of James W. and Emma T. (Handwerk) German. They live on and till their farm near Lynnport, Pa., which was formerly the homestead of his father, and have two children:

1. **Althea Emma Moyer,** b. Jan. 9, 1918.
2. **Wayne Charles Moyer,** b. Jan. 23, 1920.

AARON MILTON REITZ, son of David and Sarah A. (Schitz) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Jan. 26, 1864; d. July 25, 1928, and is buried at the New Tripoli Church; married Dec. 19, 1923, Alice Rosetta Reitz, born at Lynnport, Pa., Oct. 21, 1869, daughter of William Harrison and Brigitta (Schitz) Reitz. He was Lutheran, a plasterer, and they live in Allentown, Pa. No issue.

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WILLIAM HARRISON REITZ, son of Jonas and his second wife Barbara (Smith) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., at the Jonas Reitz homestead, Oct. 31, 1842; a Civil War soldier serving nine months from Aug. 1862 in Company G, 128th Regt. Pa. Vol. Inf., in battles of South Mountain Antietam and Chancellorsville, taken prisoner and confined in Libby Prison several weeks when paroled. He was engaged in railroading over the Mauch Chunk—Summit Hill Switch Back a few years; also a few years in the store business at Lynnport and Best Station; also as a miller at Reitz's mill, but mostly as a farmer. He served also at various times as public school teacher, school director, tax collector, postmaster, and commander of Post 606, G. A. R. at Steinsville, Pa., since 1909, which he organized, and as deacon, elder and trustee of Ebenezer Lutheran Congregation, New Tripoli, Pa., where he was Lutheran trustee at the erection of the present elegant church in 1890, serving his church in an official

capacity for a quarter of a century. In 1878 he bought his father-in-law's farm near Lynnport, Pa., farming it many years then retired, meritoriously and deservedly pensioned by the U. S. Gov., died June 27, 1930 at age of 87 y. 7 mo. 26 da., and was buried at the New Tripoli Church. In 1864 he married Brigitta Schitz, born Mar. 23, 1843, died June 11, 1911, buried at the New Tripoli Church, Pa., daughter of David and Elizabeth (Brobst) Schitz, and they had twelve children:

1. **Elmer Ellsworth Reitz,** b. June 3, 1864; d. Oct. 23, 1923.
2. **William Franklin Reitz,** b. July 11, 1866; d. Dec. 12, 1929.
3. **Carrie Agnes Reitz,** b. July 27, 1868.
4. **Alice Rosetta Reitz,** b. Oct. 21, 1869.
5. **Ambrose George Reitz,** b. Aug. 5, 1871; d. Apr. 1873.
6. **Charles Henry Reitz,** b. Apr. 15, 1874.
7. **Cyrus Edmund Reitz,** b. Feb. 4, 1877.
8. **Menora Elizabeth Reitz,** b. Feb. 2, 1879.
9. **George Ambrose Reitz,** b. Sept. 29, 1881.
10. **Alvin Abraham Reitz,** b. June 15, 1884.
11. **Ellen Jane Reitz,** b. Sept. 19, 1886; d. Nov. 3, 1886.
12. **Lawrence Elwood Reitz,** b. Mar. 3, 1888; d. Apr. 13, 1891.

ELMER ELLSWORTH REITZ, son of William Harrison and Brigitta (Schitz) Reitz, born at Lynnport, Pa., June 3, 1864, d. at Lebanon, Pa.,

Oct. 22, 1923, buried at New Tripoli Church; married Susan Long, of Wanamakers, Pa. They lived in Allentown, Pa., and had two children:

1. **William Harrison Reitz.**
2. **Mabel Susan Reitz.**

WILLIAM FRANKLIN REITZ, son of William Harrison and Brigitta (Schitz) Reitz, born at Lynnport, Pa., July 11, 1866; d. Dec. 12, 1929; buried at the New Tripoli Church; married Nov. 25, 1893, Mary Elizabeth Handwerk, born Dec. 22, 1864, daughter of Owen C. and Lovina (Snyder) Handwerk, of New Tripoli, Pa. He was a Lutheran, carpenter and farmer. They lived at Germansville, Pa., and had two children:

1. **Verna Brigitta Reitz,** b. July 1, 1894.
2. **Lawrence Owen Reitz,** b. Nov. 2, 1896.

VERNA BRIGITTA REITZ, daughter of William Franklin and Mary Elizabeth (Handwerk) Reitz, born at New Tripoli, Pa., July 1, 1894; married Aug. 9, 1913, Edgar Benjamin Hamm, born near Germansville, Pa., Aug. 3, 1890, son of Granville Osville and Amanda (Smith) Hamm. He is a carpenter and farmer. They live at Germansville, Pa., and have two children:

1. **Arlene Amanda Hamm,** b. Mar. 3, 1914, at Germansville, Pa.
2. **Madeline Mary Hamm,** b. Oct. 23, 1923, at Germansville, Pa.

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LAWRENCE OWEN REITZ, son of William Franklin and Mary Elizabeth (Handwerk) Reitz, born at Germansville, Pa., Nov. 2, 1896; married Mar. 4, 1917, Irene Minerva DeLong, born near Best, Pa., Oct. 30, 1897, daughter of Oliver and Flora (Blose) De Long. They live on and are engaged in farming their farm near Germansville, Pa. He is a Lutheran and they have three children:

1. **Carl Harrison Reitz,** b. Dec. 17, 1917, at Germansville, Pa.
2. **Marion Flora Reitz,** b. Sept. 12, 1920, at Germansville, Pa.
3. **Ethel Helen Reitz,** b. Jan. 24, 1926, at Germansville, Pa.

CARRIE AGNES REITZ, daughter of William Harrison and Brigitta (Schitz) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., July 27, 1868; married, 1st., Albert Smith, of Germansville, Pa., and they had one son:

1. **George William Smith,** b. Sept. 11, 1896; d. Jan, 4, 1897.

Married, 2nd., Lawrence Schadt, of Allentown, Pa., in 1910.

ALICE ROSETTA REITZ, daughter of William Harrison and Brigitta (Schitz) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Oct. 21, 1869; married Dec. 19, 1923, Aaron Milton Reitz, born Jan. 26, 1864, d. July 25, 1928,buried at the New Tripoli Church, son of David and Sarah A. (Schitz) Reitz. She lives in Allentown, Pa. No issue.

CHARLES HENRY REITZ, son of William Harrison and Brigitta (Schitz) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Apr. 15, 1874; machinist, Lutheran, and lives at Loyalton, California.

CYRUS EDMUND REITZ, son of William Harrison and Brigitta (Schitz) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Feb. 4, 1877; married Mar. 24, 1910, Beulah Pearl Silliman, born Apr. 10, 1886, daughter of Owen and Lydia (Engler) Silliman. They were formerly engaged in farming. He is a carpenter and a Lutheran. They live at 217 Franklin Ave., Palmerton, Pa., and have three children:

1. **Lydia Brigitta Reitz,** b. Aug. 12, 1913, at Palmerton, Pa.
2. **Claribel Emma Reitz,** b. Oct. 14, 1915, at Palmerton, Pa.
3. **Martin Owen William Reitz,** b. Dec. 26, 1918, at Palmerton, Pa.

MENORA ELIZABETH REITZ, daughter of William Harrison and Brigitta (Schitz) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Feb. 2, 1879; married Nov. 28, 1907, Chester Lutz, born Feb. 26, 1881, d. Oct. 13, 1918, buried at the New Tripoli Church, son of Mike and Mary (Smith) Lutz. They had engaged in farming at Lynnport and Kreidersville, Pa., She lives with her father near Lynnport, Pa. They had four children:

1. **Violet Elizabeth Lutz,** b. June 7, 1909.
2. **Elwood Eugene Lutz,** b. Sept. 7, 1911.

3. **Mildred Alice Lutz**, b. July 21, 1913.
4. **Edna Mae Lutz**, b. Apr. 18, 1915.

GEORGE AMBROSE REITZ, son of William Harrison and Brigitta (Schitz) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Sept. 29, 1881; married May 29, 1915, Jennie Alberta High, born Jan. 10, 1882, daughter of Davis and Eliza High. He is a Lutheran and a locomotive engineer. They live at Birdsboro, Pa., and have four children:

1. **Violet Alice Reitz**, b. May 14, 1916.
2. **Ruth Marie Reitz**, b. Sept. 4, 1918.
3. **George Jonathan Reitz**, b. May 14, 1920.
4. **Kenneth William Reitz**, b. Sept. 2, 1924.

The first three were born at St. Peters, Chester Co., Pa., and the fourth at Birdsboro, Berks Co., Pa.

ALVIN ABRAHAM REITZ, son of William Harrison and Brigitta (Schitz) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., June 15, 1884; married Dec. 9, 1909, Aquilla Katie Peters, born July 25, 1886, daughter of Cornelius and Medina (Wagaman) Peters, of Lynnport, Pa. They farmed several years at Lynnport and Kreidersville, Pa.; live at 37 West Twenty-seventh St., Northampton, Pa. He is a Lutheran and a blacksmith. They have two sons:

1. **Harold Harrison Reitz**, b. May 13, 1910, Kutztown, Pa.
2. **Edmund Cornelius Reitz**, b. Feb. 25, 1913, Lynnport, Pa.

PART V

ANDREAS REITZ

of near Lynnport, Pa.,

and his Descendants,

Son of

Lawrence Reitz

of near Lynnport, Pa.

Who was the Son of

Pioneer Johan Friedrich Reitz

ANDREAS REITZ, the third son of Lawrence and Catharine (Hess) Reitz, son of the Pioneer Johan Friederich Reitz, born at the old Lawrence Reitz homestead near Lynnport, Pa., Sept. 1, 1791; d. Nov. 16, 1876; buried at the New Tripoli Church; married the widow of Christian Klingaman (who had been killed by lightning), her name was Anna Maria, daughter of John Oswald and his wife Anna Maria, a daughter of Burkhardt Mosser. She was born Mar. 10, 1791, d. Nov. 1, 1868, buried at New Tripoli Church. Andreas Rietz and his wife Anna Maria lived on their farm midway between Lynnport and New Tripoli, Pa., which is now the home of Samuel T. Waidelich, and they had eight children.

1. **Catharine Reitz,** b. Aug. 30, 1815; d. Nov. 1863.
2. **John A. Reitz,** b. Nov. 4, 1818; d. Jan. 14, 1890.
3. **Lovina (Rebecca) Reitz,**
4. **Mary Reitz,** b. Aug. 13, 1824; d. Mar. 13, 1897.
5. **Elizabeth Reitz,** b. May 19, 1827.
6. **Elias Reitz,** b. July 18, 1928, died young.
7. **Helena Reitz,** b. Nov. 18, 1832; d. Apr. 8, 1909.
8. **Nicodemus Reitz,** b. June 1, 1835; died young.

CATHARINE REITZ, daughter of Andreas and Anna Maria (Oswald) Reitz, born near Lynn-

port, Pa., Aug. 30, 1815; d. 1863; married Christian Brobst and they lived on a farm near Danville, Pa. No issue.

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JOHN ANDREAS REITZ, son of Andreas and Anna Maria (Oswald) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Oct. 4, 1818; d. Jan. 11, 1890, buried at New Tripoli Church, where he had been an active Lutheran member; married Brigitta Gildner, born Feb. 1, 1821, d. Apr. 12, 1895, buried at New Tripoli Church. He was an undertaker and farmer, and they lived on their farm one mile southeast of Lynnport, Pa., where they had thirteen children:

1. **Polly Reitz,** b. Dec. 9, 1841; d. Oct. 27, 1927.
2. **Fianna Reitz,** b. Jan. 16, 1844; d. Feb. 3, 1929.
3. **Medina Reitz,** d. aged 9 years.
4. **Mary Reitz,** b. Aug. 22, 1848; d. 1926.
5. **Lydia Reitz,** b. Sept. 24, 1850; d. Dec. 4, 1922.
6. **Rebecca Reitz,** b. Aug. 11, 1852.
7. **John Reitz,** b. 1854.
8. **Messina Reitz,** b. Oct. 24, 1856; d. Aug. 16, 1927.
9. **Jane Amanda Reitz,** b. July 18, 1858; d. May 4, 1870.
10. **Mantana Louisa Reitz,** b. Feb. 8, 1861.
11. **Rosa Emaline Reitz,** b. Dec. 26, 1863.
12. **Ellsworth,** 1868.
13. **Alvena Reitz,** b. Oct. 25, 1871.

POLLY REITZ, daughter of John A. and Brigitta (Gildner) Reitz, of Lynnport, Pa., born near Lynnport, Pa., Dec. 9, 1841; d. Oct. 22, 1927, at Tamaqua, Pa., buried at West Penn, Pa.; married Aug. 5, 1862, Elias Billman, of West Penn, Pa. They lived in West Penn Township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and last in Tamaqua, Pa., and had six children:

1. **Louisa Billman,** b. Jan. 22, 1866.
2. **Rosa Billman,** b. Jan. 24, 1872.
3. **William Billman,**
4. **Lizzie Billman,**
5. **Grant Billman,**
6. **Harry Billman.**

LOUISA BILLMAN, daughter of Elias and Polly (Reitz) Billman, born at West Penn, Pa., Jan. 22, 1866; married May 27, 1886, George Scheider. They live at Shenandoah, Pa., and have eight children:

1. **Frederick Scheider,** b. Oct. 6, 1891; m. Aug. 4, 1913, at Shenandoah, Pa. They live at Pottsville, Pa.
2. **Harry Scheider,** b. Feb. 24, 1893; d. Dec. 21, 1910, at Shenandoah, Pa.
3. **Catharine Scheider,** b. May 17, 1898, at Shenandoah, Pa.; m. Nov. 10, 1922. They live in New York City.
4. **Alice Scheider,** b. June 3, 1904, at Shenandoah, Pa.

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JENNIE A. (HIGH) REITZ
Wife of George A. Reitz of Birdsboro, Pa.

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5. **George Scheider,** b. Aug. 5, 1907; d. in infancy.
6. **Elmer Scheider,** d. in infancy.
7. **Mary Scheider,** d. in infancy.

ROSA BILLMAN, daughter of Elias and Polly (**Reitz**) **Billman,** born at West Penn, Pa., Jan. 24, 1872; married Oct. 1, 1892, Elias Rex, born in Mahoning Valley, Nov. 2, 1871. They live at Lehighton, Pa., and have eleven children:

1. **Mabel Rex,** b. Mar. 22, 1894.
2. **Mary Rex,** b. Jan. 24, 1896.
3. **Cora Rex,** b. Mar. 29, 1897.
4. **Gertrude Rex,** b. Oct. 17, 1898, at West Penn, Pa.
5. **Carrie Rex,** b. Mar. 5, 1900.
6. **Florence Rex,** b. Oct. 5, 1902.
7. **Minnie Rex,** b. Mar. 1, 1904, at West Penn, Pa.; d. Mar. 16, 1907, at Tamaqua, Pa., buried at West Penn, Pa.
8. **Nattie Rex,** b. Mar. 1, 1904, at West Penn, Pa.; d. Mar. 17, 1907, at Tamaqua, Pa., buried at West Penn, Pa.
9. **Bertha Rex,** b. June 25, 1908.
10. **Alice Rex,** b. June 25, 1908.
11. **Erwin Rex,** b. May 12, 1913, at Tamaqua, Pa.

MABEL REX, daughter of Elias and Rosa (Billman) Rex, born at West Penn, Pa., Mar. 22, 1894; married June 1, 1912, Erwin Becker, born

at Mahanoy City, Pa., Nov. 25, 1881. They have three children:

1. **Stella Becker**, b. Sept. 24, 1911, at Tamaqua, Pa.
2. **May Becker**, b. Apr. 2, 1913, at Nerick, Pa.
3. **Addora Becker**, b. Sept. 18, 1916, at Nescopeck, Pa.

MARY REX, daughter of Elias and Rosa (Billman) Rex, born at Lehighton, Pa., Jan. 24, 1896; married at Tamaqua, Pa., Jan. 7, 1915, William Hankey, born at Slatington, Pa., Jan. 29, 1891. They have six children:

1. **Grace Hankey**, b. July 26, 1915, at Tamaqua, Pa.
2. **George Hankey**, b. Sept. 27, 1916, at Tamaqua, Pa.
3. **Mary Hankey**, b. Apr. 2, 1918, at Tamaqua, Pa.
4. **Eva Hankey**, b. Oct. 4, 1920, at Tamaqua, Pa.
5. **Isabelle Hankey**, b. Mar. 21, 1922, at Tamaqua, Pa.
6. **May Hankey**, b. July 27, 1926, at Ashland, Pa.

CORA REX, daughter of Elias and Rosa (Billman) Rex, born at West Penn, Pa., Mar. 29, 1897; married at Tamaqua, Pa., June 7, 1917, Ira Markel, born in Rush Township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Mar. 17, 1895. They have six children:

1. **Dorothy Markel,** b. Jan. 12, 1917, at Tamaqua, Pa.
2. **Eva Markel,** b. Dec. 18, 1918, at Tamaqua, Pa.
3. **Beatrice Markel,** b. Jan. 22, 1921, at Tamaqua, Pa.
4. **Erwin Markel,** b. Dec. 18, 1922, at Tamaqua, Pa.
5. **Wilbert Markel,** b. Mar. 21, 1926, at McAdoo, Pa.
6. **Bernice Markel,** b. May 6, 1928, at Kelayres, Pa.

CARRIE REX, daughter of Elias and Rosa (Billman) Rex, born at West Penn, Pa., Mar. 5, 1900; married at Tamaqua, Pa., Aug. 24, 1918, James Kunkle, born at West Penn, Pa., Dec. 19, 1898. They have five children:

1. **William Kunkle,** b. Nov. 26, 1919, at West Penn, Pa.
2. **Mildred Kunkle,** b. July 6, 1921, at West Penn, Pa.
3. **Esther Kunkle,** b. May 5, 1923, at West Penn, Pa.
4. **Harold Kunkle,** b. May 27, 1924, at West Penn, Pa.
5. **Lorraine Kunkle,** b. Feb. 10, 1927, at Tamaqua, Pa.

FLORENCE REX, daughter of Elias and Rosa (Billman) Rex, born at West Penn, Pa., Oct. 5,

1902; married at Tamaqua, Pa., Oct. 8, 1921, Walter Fritz, born at Grier, Pa., Jan. 29, 1903. They have four children:

1. **Edna Fritz,** b. Mar. 5, 1923, at Tamaqua, Pa.
2. **Eleanor Fritz,** b. Jan. 27, 1926, at Tamaqua, Pa.
3. **Louise Fritz,** b. Jan. 27, 1926, at Tamaqua, Pa.
4. **Franklin Fritz,** b. July 31, 1924, at Tamaqua, Pa.; d. Feb. 15, 1926, buried at West Penn, Pa.

BERTHA REX, daughter of Elias and Rosa (Billman) Rex, born at Tamaqua, Pa., June 25, 1908; married at Tamaqua, Pa., Apr. 3, 1926, Harry Schaeffer, born at West Penn, Pa., Feb. 11, 1906. They have one son:

Robert Harry Schaeffer, b. Nov. 25, 1926, at Tamaqua, Pa.

ALICE REX, daughter of Elias and Rosa (Billman) Rex, born at Tamaqua, Pa., June 25, 1908; married at Tamaqua, Pa., Mar. 12, 1927, Walter Blew, born at Tuscarora, Pa., Aug. 21, 1907. They have one daughter:

Ruth Blew, b. Nov. 7, 1927, at Tuscarora, Pa.

FIANNA REITZ, daughter of John A. and Brigitta (Gildner) Reitz of Lynnport, Pa., born near Lynnport, Pa., Jan. 16, 1844; d. in Allentown, Pa., Feb. 3, 1929, buried at New Tripoli Church;

married June 5, 1864, Elias Philips, born near Lynnport, Pa., Nov. 10, 1843, d. in Allentown, Pa., Aug. 19, 1928, buried at New Tripoli Church, son of John and Margaret (Lauchnor) Philips, of near Lynnport, Pa. They were engaged in farming for many years near Lynnport, Macungie, Schoenersville, Pa., lived last in Allentown, Pa., and had eleven children:

1. **James Ellsworth Philips,** b. Oct. 25, 1864.
2. **Elias Philips,** b. Oct. 14, 1866; d. Nov. 28, 1917.
3. **Osville Philips,** b. Oct. 30, 1868.
4. **Henry Philips,** b. Nov. 6, 1871.
5. **Alvena Philips,** b. July 5, 1873.
6. **Carrie Agnes Philips,** b. Jan. 3, 1876.
7. **Lena Philips,** b. Apr. 10, 1877; d. July 21, 1923.
8. **William G. Philips,** b. Aug. 20, 1880.
9. **Thomas John Philips,** b. Sept. 10, 1882.
10. **Minnie Philips,** b. July 15, 1885.
11. **Howard G. Philips,** b. July, 1886.

JAMES ELLSWORTH PHILIPS, son of Elias and Fianna (Reitz) Philips, born near Lynnport, Pa., Oct. 25, 1864; married Feb. 25, 1888, Emma Amelia Fries, born Feb. 26, 1868, daughter of Rebecca Long. He is a stationary engineer. They are Reformed, live at 527 Cedar St., Allentown, Pa., and have five children:

1. **Goldie Minnie Philips,** b. June 11, 1888.
2. **Lula Rebecca Philips,** b. Jan. 1, 1890.

3. **Birdie Mae Philips,** b. Aug. 8, 1898.
4. **Perma Fianna Philips,** b. Nov. 8, 1902; d. May 6, 1927.
5. **Paul James Philips,** b. May 20, 1906.

GOLDIE MINNIE PHILIPS, daughter of James Ellsworth and Emma Amelia (Fries) Philips, born June 11, 1888; married Apr. 1911, Adam Conrad Updegrove. They live at 547 Park St., Allentown, Pa., and have one daughter:

Pearl Updegrove, b. June 13, 1911.

PERMA FIANNA PHILIPS, daughter of James Ellsworth and Emma Amelia (Fries) Philips, born Nov. 8, 1902; d. May 6, 1927; married Dec. 24, 1922, Russel Seiler.

ELIAS PHILIPS, son of Elias and Fianna (Reitz) Philips, born near Lynnport, Pa., Oct. 14, 1866; d. Dec. 3, 1917; married Emma Stein, and they had seven children:

Howard, Harvey, Cora (m. Fred. Baker, Allentown, R. 4, Pa., have child Dorothy), **Stella, Minnie** (m. Rehrig), **Robert, Agnes** (d).

OSVILLE PHILIPS, son of Elias and Fianna (Reitz) Philips, born near Lynnport, Pa., Oct. 30, 1868; married Maggie Herman, live at 1940 Tilghman St., Allentown, Pa., and have three children:

1. **Nevin Philips,** d. in World War, has daughter Jeanetta.

2. **Millie Philips,** m. Harold Kromer.
3. **Vergie Philips,** m. Willaim Ott.

HENRY PHILIPS, son of Elias and Fianna (Reitz) Philips, born near Lynnport, Pa., Nov. 6, 1871; married Sallie Levan. They live at 1014 Court St., Allentown, Pa., and have two children:

1. **Laura Philips,** m. 1st. Percie Klotz (have children: Bernice and Frances); m. 2nd. William Wert, (have son, William Junior).
2. **Edna Philips,** m. Arthur Boyer, (have children: Jean, and two died in infancy).

ALVENA PHILIPS, daughter of Elias and Fianna (Reitz) Philips, born near Lynnport, Pa., July 5, 1873; married Lewis DeLong. They live at 440 North Tenth St., Allentown, Pa., and have one son, Earl Philips.

CARRIE AGNES PHILIPS, daughter of Elias and Fianna (Reitz) Philips, born near Lynnport, Pa., Jan. 3, 1876; married Charles Stein. She lives at 533 Park St., Allentown, Pa. Her children are:

1. **Ralph Nevin Keiser,** b. Jan. 17, 1896.
2. **Clarence Elias Stein,** b. May 18, 1901.
3. **Helen Priscilla Stein,** b. Dec. 26, 1910.
4. **Edna Fianna Stein,** b. Oct. 28, 1912
5. **Eva Florence Stein,** b. Oct. 19, 1906.

RALPH NEVIN KEISER, married Hattie Trexler. They live on a farm near Heidelberg

Church, Slatington, R. 1, Pa., and have three children:

1. **Pauline Georgia Keiser,** b. May 10, 1920.
2. **Ruth Althea Keiser,** b. June 22, 1926.
3. **Ralph Trexler Keiser,** b. Mar. 13, 1928.

CLARENCE ELIAS STEIN married Eva Derr. They live at 2804 Cherryville Road, Northampton, Pa., and have one son **Clarence Kenneth Stein,** b. Dec. 19, 1927.

EVA FLORENCE STEIN married Clarence Kleinsmith. They live at 316 North Law St., Allentown, Pa. No issue.

LEANA PHILIPS, daughter of Elias and Fianna (Reitz) Philips, born near Lynnport, Pa., Apr. 10, 1877; d. July 21, 1923, and had twelve children. Married, 1st., Alfred Johnson, and they had four children: **Raymond, Harry, Clarence** (d.), and **William.** Married, 2nd., George Gernert, and they had eight children: **Mabel, Paul, Esther, Russel, Arlene, Helen. Pearl and Margaret** (d.).

WILLIAM G. PHILIPS, son of Elias and Fianna (Reitz) Philips, born near Lynnport, Pa., Aug. 20, 1880; married Clara W. Koch. He is Reformed, a carpenter and they live at 1137 Tilghman St., Allentown, Pa., and have son, **Charles W. Philips,** b. Jan. 28, 1910.

THOMAS JOHN PHILIPS, son of Elias and Fianna (Reitz) Philips, born near Lynnport, Pa., Sept. 10. 1882; married Mar. 23, 1911, Phoebe Diana Ketterer. He is a farmer and deacon of Heidelberg Reformed Church. They own and live on a large farm of 130 acres, which they operate successfully, raising annually several thousand bushels of potatoes, half a mile south of Heidelberg Church, Germansville, R. 1, Pa. They have nine children:

1. **George Elias Philips,** b. Nov. 27, 1911.
2. **Ralph Oscar Philips,** b. June 26, 1913.
3. **Margaret Anna Philips,** b. July 7, 1915.
4. **Harold Thomas Philips,** b. Feb. 22, 1917.
5. **LeRoy William Philips,** b. May 10, 1918.
6. **Arthur Howard Philips,** b. Sept. 10, 1919: d. Nov. 22, 1919.
7. **Franklin Paul Philips,** b. Mar. 10, 1921.
8. **Mildred Laura Philips,** b. Dec. 23, 1922.
9. **Carl Earnest Philips,** b. July 16, 1924.

MINNIE PHILIPS, daughter of Elias and Fianna (Reitz) Philips, born near Lynnport, Pa., July 15, 1885; married Michael Rickert. They are engaged in farming west of Trexlertown, Breinigsville, R. 1, Pa., and have nine children: **Milton** (d.) **Beatrice** (d.), **Joice** (d.), **Raymond, Bertha** (m. Henry Kleinsmith—have children: **Clarence and Gloria**), **Irvin, Shirley, -Marcia and Kermit.**

HOWARD G. PHILIPS, son of Elias and Fianna (Reitz) Philips, born near Lynnport, Pa.,

July, 1886; married Lizzie Rader. They live at 946 North Eighteenth St., Allentown, Pa., and have daughter **Edna,** b. May 9, 1912.

MARY REITZ, daughter of John A. and Brigitta (Gildner) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Aug. 22, 1848; d. in 1922, buried at Siegfrieds Church, Maxatawny Township, Berks Co., Pa.; married Aug. 18, 1867, John Miller, born Sept. 24, 1846, d. Nov. 29, 1928, buried aside his wife. They lived some time at Lynnport, Pa., and last at Wescosville, Pa., and had seven children:

1. **Oliver Miller,** b. Oct. 29, 1867; m. has children; lives in Allentown, Pa.
2. **Osville Miller,** b. Jan. 30, 1870; m. 1st., Kuntz (have children: **Edwin, Frank, Francis and Alfred,** d.); m. 2nd., and have children; Allentown, Pa.
3. **John Miller,** b. Nov. 13, 1872; m. Annie Miller, live at Macungie, Pa., and have children.
4. **George Miller,** b. Apr. 13, 1876; d. Dec. 1929
5. **Gertie Miller,** d. young.
6. **Cora Miller,** d. young.
7. **Harvey Miller,** d. young.

LYDIA REITZ, daughter of John A. and Brigitta (Gildner) Reitz, of Lynnport, Pa., born at the John A. Reitz homestead about one mile southeast of Lynnport, Pa., Sept. 24, 1850; d. Dec. 4, 1922; married Edmund Theodore Salem, born Dec. 1, 1850, in Lynn Township, Lehigh Co.,

Pa. They lived at Lynnport, Steinsvllle, Orwigsburg, Pa., and last at Binghampton, N. Y., and had six children:

1. **Archibald Raymond Salem,** b. Aug. 12, 1873.
2. **Minorah Rebecca Salem,** b. Oct. 23, 1875.
3. **Clara Rosetta Salem,** b. Sept. 27, 1877; d. Apr. 26, 1920.
4. **Gertrude Rose Salem,** b. Dec. 15, 1879.
5. **Mabel Ruth Salem,** b. Oct. 27, 1881.
6. **Herman Roy Salem,** b. Oct. 21, 1892.

Edmund T. Salem lives at 437 Clarendon St., Syracuse, N. Y.

ARCHIBALD RAYMOND SALEM, son of Edmund Theodore and Lydia (Reitz) Salem, born at Lynnport, Pa., Aug. 12, 1873; married, 1st., Elizabeth Bleastale, and they had one daughter:

Lucilla Salem, (m. William Mosser and have two sons: **William, Jr.,** and **Robert**).

Archibald Raymond Salem married, 2nd., Edith Indianna McNear, and they have four children:

1. **Edmund Theodore Salem.**
2. **Archibald Theodore Salem.**
3. **Marjorie Salem.**
4. **Dorothea Salem.**

They live at Cheltenham, Montgomery Co., Pa.

MINORAH REBECCA SALEM, daughter of Edmund Theodore and Lydia (Reitz) Salem, born

at Steinsville, Pa., Oct. 23, 1875; married Frederick Faulkner, and they have three children:

1. **Stuart S. Faulkner.**
2. **John W. Faulkner.**
3. **Elizabeth Faulkner.**

They live at Syracuse, N. Y.

GERTRUDE ROSE SALEM, daughter of Edmund Theodore and Lydia (Reitz) Salem, born at Orwigsburg, Pa., Dec. 15, 1879; married Lewis Bartlett. No issue. They live at Binghampton, N. Y.

MABEL RUTH SALEM, daughter of Edmund Theodore and Lydia (Reitz) Salem, born at Binghampton, N. Y., Oct. 27, 1881; married Simon House. No issue. They live at Syracuse, N. Y.

HERMAN ROY SALEM, son of Edmund Theodore and Lydia (Reitz) Salem, born at Binghampton, N. Y., Oct. 21, 1892; married Florence Ritter. They have two children:

1. **John Davis Ritter.**
2. **Joan Ritter.**

They live at St. Paul, Minn.

REBECCA REITZ, daughter of John A. and Brigitta (Gildner) Reitz, born at the John A. Reitz homestead about one mile southeast of Lynnport, Pa., Aug. 11, 1852; married in 1871 to James A. Snyder, son of Owen Snyder, of Lynnport, Pa. Church membership is Lutheran. They lived at

Lynnport, and last at Trenton, N. J., and have two children:

1. **Clara A. Snyder,** b. Jan. 7, 1872; m. Harry Lee; live at Trenton, N. J.

2. **Luella F. Snyder,** b. Oct. 6, 1888; m. Charles A. Camp; live at 114 North Montgomery St., Trenton, N. J.

JOHN REITZ, son of John A. and Brigitta (Gildner) Reitz, of Lynnport, Pa., born near Lynnport, Pa., in 1854; died long ago and is buried at the Jacksonville Church. He was married to Emma L. Nonnemaker who lives in Allentown, (Rittersville) Pa. They had two children:

1. **Granvil H. Reitz,** b. Feb. 21, 1886; d. Aug. 31, 1886, buried at New Tripoli Church where a tombstone marks his grave.

2. **Edgar O. Reitz,** who is married, has several children; lives at Freeland, Pa., where he teaches in the public schools.

MESSINA REITZ, daughter of John A. and Brigitta (Gildner) Reitz, was born at the John A. Reitz homestead near Lynnport, Pa., Oct. 24, 1856; d. Aug. 16, 1927, buried at Allentown, Pa. Her children were as follows:

1. **Howard T. Lutz,** b. July 12, 1881.
2. **Mabel Kressly,** b. Apr. 22, 1887.
3. **Charles Graver,** b. Sept. 4, 1892.
4. **Ella Graver,** b. July 8, 1895; d. Jan. 4, 1896.
5. **George Harry Graver,** b. May 25, 1899, Lynnport, Pa.

6. **Roma Graver,** b. Nov. 25, 1900, Lynnport, Pa.

7. **Marian Graver,** b. Feb. 28, 1903.

8. **Infant Son,** b. Jan. 22, 1894; d. Jan. 23, 1894, buried at Jacksonville Church, Pa.

HOWARD T. LUTZ, son of Messina Reitz, born at Lynnport, Pa., July 12, 1881; married June 30, 1909, at Bordentown, N. J., to Anna King, b. at Bordentown, N. J., Oct. 9, 1884. They had one child:

Hazel K. Lutz, b. June 12, 1910; d. in infancy.

MABEL KRESSLY, daughter of Messina Reitz, born at Lynnport, Pa., Apr. 22, 1887; married, 1st., to William Meckley born at Freemansburg, Pa.; d. May 11, 1913, and is buried at Lower Saucon Church. One child was born to them at Allentown, Pa., Jan. 24, 1908, named Lucilla Meckley. Mabel Kressly was married, 2nd., to Aaron Gaumer, born at Mauch Chunk, Oct. 6, 1890. They have two children:

1. **Paul,** b. at Allentown, Pa., June 29, 1917.

2. **Jean,** b. at Allentown, Pa., Oct. 5, 1925.

Messina Reitz, daughter of John A. and Brigitta (Gildner) Reitz, was married Mar. 26, 1892, to Charles Graver, born in Albany Township, Berks Co., Pa., June 12, 1869.

CHARLES GRAVER, son of Charles and Messina (Reitz) Graver, born at Lynnport, Pa., Sept.

4, 1892; married, 1st., Laura Serfass, d. Feb. 9, 1921, buried at Fullerton, Pa. They had one son, **Forest,** b. 1920; d. Mar. 20, 1921, buried at Fullerton, Pa.; married, 2nd., Florence Mabus, born at Allentown, Pa., Feb. 19, 1896. They have one son, **Linford,** b. at Allentown, Pa., Feb. 1924.

MARIAN GRAVER, daughter of Charles and Messina (Reitz) Graver, born at Allentown, Pa., Feb. 28, 1903; married at Allentown, Pa., May 17, 1924, to Arthur Lee, born at Alburtis, Pa., May 16, 1900.

MANTANA LOUISA REITZ, daughter of John Andreas and Brigitta (Gildner) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Feb. 8, 1861; married, 1st., Manoah Snyder, d. Mar. 1896, buried at New Tripoli Church. They had three children:

1. **Gertrude F. Snyder,** b. July 1, 1884.
2. **Ralph A. Snyder,** b. May 22, 1886.
3. **Hazel Elizabeth Snyder,** b. Nov. 19, 1893; d. 1905.

Mantana Louisa Reitz married, 2nd., Evan J. Jones, and they live in Slatington, Pa.

GERTRUDE F. SNYDER, daughter of Manoah and Mantana Louisa (Reitz) Snyder, born at Lynnport, Pa., July 1, 1884; married Dec. 25, 1918, Clement S. Frederick, born at Treichlers, Pa., Aug. 26, 1877, son of Henry D. and Sarah A. (Barr) Frederick; he is a Recorder of Deeds for

Northampton County, Pa., They live at Treichlers, Pa.

RALPH A. SNYDER, son of Manoah and Mantana Louisa (Reitz), Snyder born at Lynnport, Pa., May 22, 1886; married June 20, 1917, Edith Mooney, daughter of Squire and Mrs. J. A. Mooney, of Palmerton, Pa. They live at 223 Delaware Ave., Palmerton, Pa., and have one child:

1. **Jean Mooney Snyder,** b. Oct. 30, 1918.

ROSA EMALINA REITZ, daughter of John Andreas and Brigitta (Gildner) Reitz, born at the John Andreas Reitz homestead near Lynnport, Pa., Dec. 26, 1863; married, 1st., Dec. 25, 1882, Levi B. Oswald, born near New Tripoli, Pa., Oct. 24, 1861, d. Feb. 6, 1893, buried at the New Tripoli Church, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Schitz) Oswald. He was a school teacher. They lived at New Tripoli, Pa., and had five children:

1. **Daisy M. Oswald,** b. Mar. 14, 1883.
2. **Minnie F. Oswald,** b. Jan. 15, 1885.
3. **Hattie E. Oswald,** b. Mar. 14, 1888.
4. **Ralph Abner Oswald,** b. Mar. 8, 1890.
5. **Frederick B. Oswald,** d. in infancy.

DAISY M. OSWALD, daughter of Levi B. and Rosa Emalina (Reitz) Oswald, born at New Tripoli, Pa., Mar. 14, 1883; married Worden Fritzinger. They live at New Tripoli, Pa., and have one son:

Luther Levi Oswald, b. Dec. 31, 1910, at New Tripoli, Pa.

EDMUND T. SALEM
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LYDIA (REITZ) SALEM
Born September 24, 1850, died December 4, 1922
Wife of Edmund T. Salem, of Syracuse, N. Y.

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MINNIE F. OSWALD, daughter of Levi B. and Rosa Emalina (Reitz) Oswald, born at New Tripoli, Pa., Jan. 15, 1885; married Raymond H. Young. They live at 955 North St., Allentown, Pa.

RALPH ABNER OSWALD, son of Levi B. and Rosa Emalina (Reitz) Oswald, born at New Tripoli, Pa., Mar. 8, 1890; married Sept. 20, 1910, Elsie R. Krauss. They live at Modena, Chester Co., Pa., where he is railroad station agent, and they have three children:

1. **Mildred Ruth Oswald,** b. Apr. 11, 1912.
2. **Rosa Elizabeth Oswald,** b. Dec. 31, 1916.
3. **Gertrude Elsie Oswald,** b. Nov. 1, 1919.

Rosa Emalina Reitz married, 2nd., Feb. 28, 1898, James Kerschner, born Nov. 4, 1843; d. Apr. 14, 1918, buried at New Tripoli Church. They had one daughter, **Mabel M. Kerschner,** born at New Tripoli, Pa., Sept. 5, 1907, married Norman Kistler, son of George and Mable (Stump) Kistler, of Wesnersville, Pa. They live at New Tripoli, Pa., and have one son:

Forest Norman Kistler, b. Mar. 30, 1926.

ELLSWORTH L. REITZ, son of John A. and Brigitta (Gildner) Reitz, of Lynnport, Pa., born near Lynnport, Pa., 1868; married Sarah Leiby, daughter of Jacob F. and Mary (Bausch) Leiby, of near Jacksonville, Pa. They were engaged in farming near Lenhartsville, Pa., Hamburg, R. 3,

Pa., and had a son, **Fred E. Reitz**, who is married and has a daughter, **Arlene S. B. Reitz.**

ALVENA REITZ, daughter of John A. and Brigitta (Gildner) Reitz, born at the John A. Reitz homestead near Lynnport, Pa., Oct. 25, 1871; married May 16, 1895, at Longswamp, Pa., to Fred Reinert, born at Mertztown, Pa., May 4, 1876. They have five children, and live in Allentown:

1. **Nevin Reinert.**
2. **Clarence Reinert.**
3. **Elsie Reinert**
4. **Eva Reinert**
5. **George Reinert.**

They live at 1030 Hanover Ave., Allentown, Pa.

NEVIN REINERT, son of Fred and Alvena (Reitz) Reinert, born at Lynnport, Pa., Mar. 7, 1894; married, 1st., at Rittersville, 1915, to Minerva Bartholomew. They had one daughter, **Ruth**, b. at Allentown, Pa., Mar. 29, 1918.

Nevin Reinert, married, 2nd., at Saginaw, Mich., Feb. 23, 1923, Arwilda Coon, of Saginaw, Mich.

CLARENCE REINERT, son of Fred and Alvena (Reitz) Reinert, born at Mertztown, Pa., Nov. 4, 1895.

ELSIE REINERT, daughter of Fred and Alvena (Reitz) Reinert, born Aug. 6, 1896; d. Feb. 7, 1897, and is buried at Longswamp, Pa.

EVA REINERT, daughter of Fred and Alvena (Reitz) Reinert, born at Catasauqua, Pa., Feb. 21, 1900; d. Apr. 19, 1928, and is buried at Allentown, Pa. She married, at Allentown, July 16, 1923, Samuel Rush, born at Catasauqua, Dec. 16, 1901.

GEORGE REINERT, son of Fred and Alvena (Reitz) Reinert, born at Allentown, Pa., Apr. 28, 1901; married at Allentown, Pa., Apr. 25, 1925, Catherine Harper, born at Allentown, Pa., May 9, 1907. They have one son, **George,** b. at Allentown, Pa., Oct. 2, 1925.

Part V, Sec. 2.

MARY REITZ, daughter of Andreas and Anna Maria (Oswald) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Aug. 13, 1824; d. Mar, 13. 1897, buried at New Tripoli Church; married, 1st., 1844, Daniel F. Follweiler, born Nov. 29, 1818, d. Sept. 20, 1863, buried at New Tripoli Church, son of Daniel and Rebecca (Straub) Follweiler. They lived on a farm in Weaver's Valley, between Lynnport and Lynnville, Pa., and had seven children:

1. **Owen H. C. Follweiler,** married Elizabeth Shugars.
2. **Dama Follweiler,** married Charles Nuss.
3. **Emma R. Follweiler,** married Abraham Neff.
4. **Jane A. Follweiler,** married William Reimert.
5. **Anson A. Follweiler,** married Jane Peter.

6. **Polly E. Follweiler,** married William Stein.
7. **Mantana Follweiler,** married Jacob Strasser

OWEN H. C. FOLLWEILER, son of Daniel F. and Mary (Reitz) Follweiler, born in Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., Feb. 10, 1844; d. Oct. 11, 1889, buried at New Tripoli Church; married Elizabeth Shugars, daughter of William and Sallie Shugars, of Shenandoah, Pa.

They had three children:

1. **Minnie Follweiler,** d. aged 3 years.
2. **Joseph E. Follweiler.**
3. **William A. Follweiler,** born, Jan. 19, 1874, at Catawissa, Pa., engaged in general hauling and ice, constructive and cement work; married, 1893, Cora A. Wertman, daughter of Lewis and Matilda (Gildner) Wertman, of New Tripoli, Pa. They live at Catasauqua, Pa., are Reformed, and have five children:

1. **Lillian May Follweiler.**
2. **Helen Irene.**
3. **Warren C.**
4. **William H. C.**
5. **Evelyn Marie.**

JANE A. FOLLWEILER, daughter of Daniel F. and Mary (Reitz) Follweiler, born in Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., Nov. 6, 1851; d. Feb. 13, 1912; married William Reimert. They lived at New Tripoli, Pa., and had ten children:

1. **Harvey Elmer Reimert,** b. — — ; m. Oct. 22, 1892, Gertrude Sarah Reitz, b. Apr. 25, 1875,

d. May 13, 1926, had two children, **Raymond Daniel Reimert** and **Harold Earl Reimert.**

2. **Rev. William Reimert,** m. Mary Snyder, had four children: **William, Samuel, Catharine, Margaret,** (709 North Seventh St., Allentown,)

3. **Irene Reimert,** m. Clinton Fetherolf, Wanamakers, Pa., have one child, **Marie.**

4. **Myra Reimert,** m. George Snyder, Washington St. between Sixth and Seventh, Allentown, Pa., have one child, **Madeline.**

5. **Daniel Reimert,** d. young.

6. **Barbara Reimert,** m. Charles Schafer, New Tripoli, have six children: **Lilian, Alfred, Anna, Paul, Grace, Alma.**

7. **Haddie Reimert,** m. George Weida, New Tripoli, R., Steins Corner, have four children: **Marian, Willard, Clarence, Dorothy.**

8. **Abner Reimert,** m. Dora Hamm, Allentown, have two children: **Lawrence, Randall.**

9. **Arlene Reimert,** m. Claude Lutz, 526 Green St., Allentown, one child, **Gene.**

10. **Helen Reimert,** m. Mahlon Hamm, 908 North Eighteenth St., Allentown, have one child: **Franklin.**

ANSON A. FOLLWEILER, son of Daniel F. and Mary (Reitz) Follweiler, born in Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., 1857; married Jane A. Peter, born 1859, d. 1928, buried at New Tripoli Church. They have five children:

1. **Edwin Follweiler.**

2. **Lizzie Follweiler**, m. Dr. M. A. Wertman.
3. **Mabel Follweiler**, m. Preston Handwerk.
4. **Herbert Follweiler.** Palmerton
5. **Calvin Follweiler.**

Part V, Sec. 3.

ELIZABETH REITZ, daughter of Andreas and Anna Maria (Oswald) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., May 19, 1827; married a Mr. Roth, and they lived at Riverside, near Catawissa, Pa. No issue.

Part V, Sec. 4.

HELENA REITZ, daughter of Andreas and Anna Maria (Oswald) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Nov. 18, 1832; d. Apr. 4, 1909, buried at Jordan Reformed Church, Walberts, Pa.; married Levi Ebert, born Nov. 18, 1829, d. 1870, son of John and Maria Barbara (Frey) Ebert. They lived midway between Lynnport and New Tripoli, Pa., and had five children:

1. **Elemina Ebert**, b. July 26, 1855.
2. **Helena Ebert**, b. Sept. 23, 1857.
3. **Henry Levi Ebert**, b. July 12, 1859.
4. **Alice Ebert**, b. 1863; d. 1883.
5. **Owen Benjamin Ebert**, b. Apr. 29, 1865.

ELEMINA EBERT, daughter of Levi and Helena (Reitz) Ebert, born near Lynnport, Pa., July 26, 1855; married June 10, 1877, Moses Frey, live at Orefield, R. 1, Pa., and have three children:

1. **James Levi Frey**, lives at Orefield, R. 1, Pa.
2. **Harvey Nathan Frey**, lives at Orefield, R. 1, Pa.

3. **Maud Andora Frey,** (m. a Rabenold, and they live at Bath, R. 3, Pa.).

HELENA EBERT, daughter of Levi and Helena (Reitz) Ebert, born near Lynnport, Pa., Sept. 23, 1857; married James Billig, born Oct. 9, 1848, d. Apr. 1911, buried at Mickleys Church. She lives at 2032 E. Boston Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. They had ten children:

1. **Tewillia Helena Billig,** m. Clauser, Orefield, R. 1, Pa.
2. **Thomas Levi Billig,** Cleveland, Ohio.
3. **Moses Henry Emanuel Billig,** East Allentown, Pa.
4. **Alice Matilda Billig,** m. Schaffer, Coplay, R. 1, Pa.
5. **Stella Valara Billig,** m. Muthard (d.) Orefield, R.1, Pa.
6. **James Edgar Billig,** Egypt, Pa.
7. **Menora Billig,** d. Dec. 3, 1929, (m. Funk, lived at 11815 Hazeldel Road, Cleveland, Ohio).
8. **Mary Barbara Billig,** m. Broocks, 2032 E. Boston Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
9. **Walter Charles Billig,** Cleveland, Ohio.
10. **Leah Mae Billig,** d. in infancy.

HENRY LEVI EBERT, son of Levi and Helena (Reitz) Ebert, born near Lynnport, Pa., July 12, 1859; d. Mar. 1, 1919, buried on Fairview Cemetery, Allentown, Pa.; married Anna Clauss, d. July 15, 1924. They lived in Allentown, Pa., and had eight children:

1. **Roger W. Ebert,** 914 Hanover Ave., Allentown, Pa.

2. **Morris A. Ebert,** E. Walnut St., Allentown, Pa.

3. **Mabel Ebert,** E. Maple St., Allentown, Pa.

4. **Blanche Ebert,** Jasper St., Allentown, Pa.

5. **Arthur R. Ebert,** d. buried Fairview Cemetery, Allentown, Pa.

6. **Ralph Ebert,** d. buried Fairview Cemetery, Allentown, Pa.

7. **Calvin Ebert,** d. buried Fairview Cemetery, Allentown, Pa.

8. **Edgar Ebert,** d. buried Fairview Cemetery, Allentown, Pa.

ALICE EBERT, daughter of Levi and Helena (Reitz) Ebert, born near Lynnport, Pa., in 1863; d. in 1883; married James Yoder. They lived in Philadelphia, Pa., and had one daughter.

OWEN BENJAMIN EBERT, son of Levi and Helena (Reitz) Ebert, born near Lynnport, Pa., Apr. 29, 1865, at the old Levi Ebert homestead between Lynnport and New Tripoli, Pa.; married Rosa Anna Steckel. They live at 2203 Siegfried Ave., Northampton, Pa., and have five children:

1. **Florence Helena Ebert,** b. 1891; d. 1900, buried Egypt, Pa.

2. **Willard Owen Ebert,** b. 1894; d. 1896, buried Egypt, Pa.

3. **Frederick Jacob Ebert,** b. Aug. 22, 1896; m. and lives at 1107 N. Second St., Harrisburg, Pa.; no issue.

4. **Bessie Irene Ebert,** b. Sept. 14, 1901; d. 1904, buried Egypt, Pa.

5. **Royal Franklin Ebert,** b. Sept. 1904; d. 1904, buried Egypt, Pa.

PART VI

PHILIP REITZ

of near Lynnport, Pa.,

and his Descendants,

Son of

Lawrence Reitz

of near Lynnport, Pa.

Who was the Son of

Pioneer Johan Friedrich Reitz

PHILIP REITZ, the fifth son of Lawrence and Catharine (Hess) Reitz and grandson of the Pioneer Johan Friederich Reitz, born at the old Lawrence Reitz homestead, east of Lynnport, Pa., Sept. 2, 1798; d. May 4, 1866, buried at the New Tripoli Church; married Solome Straub, born June 26, 1801, d. Mar. 30, 1880, buried at the New Tripoli Church. Philip Reitz was an active Lutheran member of Ebenezar Lutheran Congregation, New Tripoli, Pa.; acquired the homestead of his father, Lawrence, and lived there all his life, where he and his wife had three children:

1. **John Philip Reitz,** b. Jan. 19, 1825; d. Oct. 27, 1899.
2. **Angelina Reitz,** b. Oct. 23, 1826; d. Feb. 1, 1902.
3. **Anna Reitz,** died young.

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JOHN PHILIP REITZ, son of Philip and Solome (Straub) Reitz, born on the Philip Reitz homestead one mile east of Lynnport, Pa., Jan. 19, 1825; d. Oct. 27, 1899, buried at the New Tripoli Church. He acquired the homestead farm of his father which was also the homestead of his grandfather, Lawrence Reitz, where he lived and farmed all his life. He was an active member of Ebenezar Lutheran Congregation, New Tripoli, where he was an elder several years. He married Polly Leiby, born Dec. 29, 1831, d. Sept. 14, 1905, buried at the New Tripoli Church, daughter of

Andrew and Eva A. (Brobst) Leiby. They had three children:

1. **David Reitz,** b. Jan. 12, 1853; d. Feb. 26, 1921.
2. **Sarah Anna Reitz,** b. Oct. 30, 1856; d. Oct. 15, 1910.
3. **Edwin Reitz,** b. Aug. 7, 1861.

DAVID REITZ, son of John Philip and Polly (Leiby) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Jan. 12, 1853; d. Feb. 26, 1921, buried on New Tripoli Cemetery, Pa.; married Mar. 29, 1874, Emelina Lydia Ulrich, born Oct. 28, 1856, daughter of Isaac and Amanda (Brobst) Ulrich. They were formerly engaged in farming near Lynnport, Pa.; lived last, for many years, at Emerald, Pa., are Lutheran and had three children:

1. **George L. Reitz,** b. June 18, 1875; d. Oct. 31, 1923.
2. **Catharine Reitz,** b. Dec. 14, 1876.
3. **John David Reitz,** b. Dec. 30, 1879.

GEORGE L. REITZ, son of David and Emelina Lydia (Ulrich) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., June 18, 1875; d. Oct. 31, 1923, buried on Union Cemetery, Slatington, Pa.; married July 9, 1903, Olivia F. S. Peters. He was foreman at the Lehigh Valley R. R. Shops, Packerton, Pa. They were Evangelical, lived at Emerald, Pa., and had one son:

Newton George Reitz, b. Sept. 10, 1905, at Emerald, Pa.

CATHARINE REITZ, daughter of David and Emelina Lydia (Ulrich) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Dec. 14, 1876; married, 1894, Obediah Rau, born near Lynnport, Pa., 1870; d. 1908, buried on Cemetery, New Tripoli, Pa., son of Edwin and Mary (Philips) Rau. They lived at Emerald, Pa., and had three children:

1. **Infant Son,** d. in infancy.
2. **Howard Rau,** b. 1897.
3. **Paul Rau,** b. 1902; d. May 9, 1928.

HOWARD RAU, son of Obediah and Catharine (Reitz) Rau, born at Emerald, Pa., 1897; married Emma Steinmetz, and they have two children: **Emaline and Thelma.**

PAUL RAU, son of Obediah and Catharine (Reitz) Rau, born at Emerald, Pa., 1902; d. May 9, 1928, buried on Hillside Cemetery, Allentown, Pa., and had one son, **Paul Junior.**

Catharine Reitz, daughter of David and Emelina Lydria (Ulrich) Reitz, married, 2nd., 1909, Roger Neff, born 1886, son of Alfred and Catharine Neff. They live at Orefield, Pa., and have two children:

1. **Robert H. Neff,** b. 1910.
2. **Isabella Z. Neff,** b.1914.

JOHN DAVID REITZ, son of David and Emelina Lydia (Ulrich) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Dec. 30, 1880; married Dec. 24, 1901, Carrie Louise Remaly. He is a locomotive fire-

man, and Reformed. They live at Emerald, Pa., and have two children:

1. **Russell Benjamin Reitz**, b. Sept. 8, 1901.
2. **Glenn BerDell Reitz**, b. Apr. 9, 1903.

RUSSELL BENJAMIN REITZ, son of John David and Carrie Louise (Remaly) Reitz, born at Emerald, Pa., Sept. 8, 1901; married Mar. 5, 1925, Emma Kibler. They have two children:

1. **Gloria Betty Reitz**, b. July 22, 1925.
2. **Arthur Raymond Reitz**, b. Dec. 5, 1926.

GLENN BERDELL REITZ, son of John David and Carrie Louise (Remaly) Reitz, born at Emerald, Pa., Apr. 9, 1903; married Jan. 2, 1926, Naomi Blose. They have one child:

Carl David Reitz, b. June 23, 1926.

SARAH ANNA REITZ, daughter of John Philip and Polly (Leiby) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., on the old Reitz homestead, Oct. 30, 1856; d. Oct. 15, 1910, buried at New Tripoli Church; married William Frey, born Feb. 27, 1853, d. May 3, 1921, buried at New Tripoli Church. They were engaged in farming and had two children:

1. **Clinton Frey.**
2. **George Frey.**

EDWIN REITZ, son of John Philip and Polly (Leiby) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., on the

John Philip Reitz homestead, which was also the homestead of his grandfather Philip Reitz, and of his great grandfather Lawrence Reitz, son of Pioneer Johan Friedrich Reitz, Aug. 7, 1861; a Lutheran, engaged for many years in farming, but now lives retired with his son-in-law and daughter Charles J. D. and Mabel L. (Reitz) Rauch, near Lynnport, Pa.; married Feb. 18, 1889, Sarah Rau, daughter of Edwin and Mary (Philips) Rau, Lynnport, Pa., and they have three children:

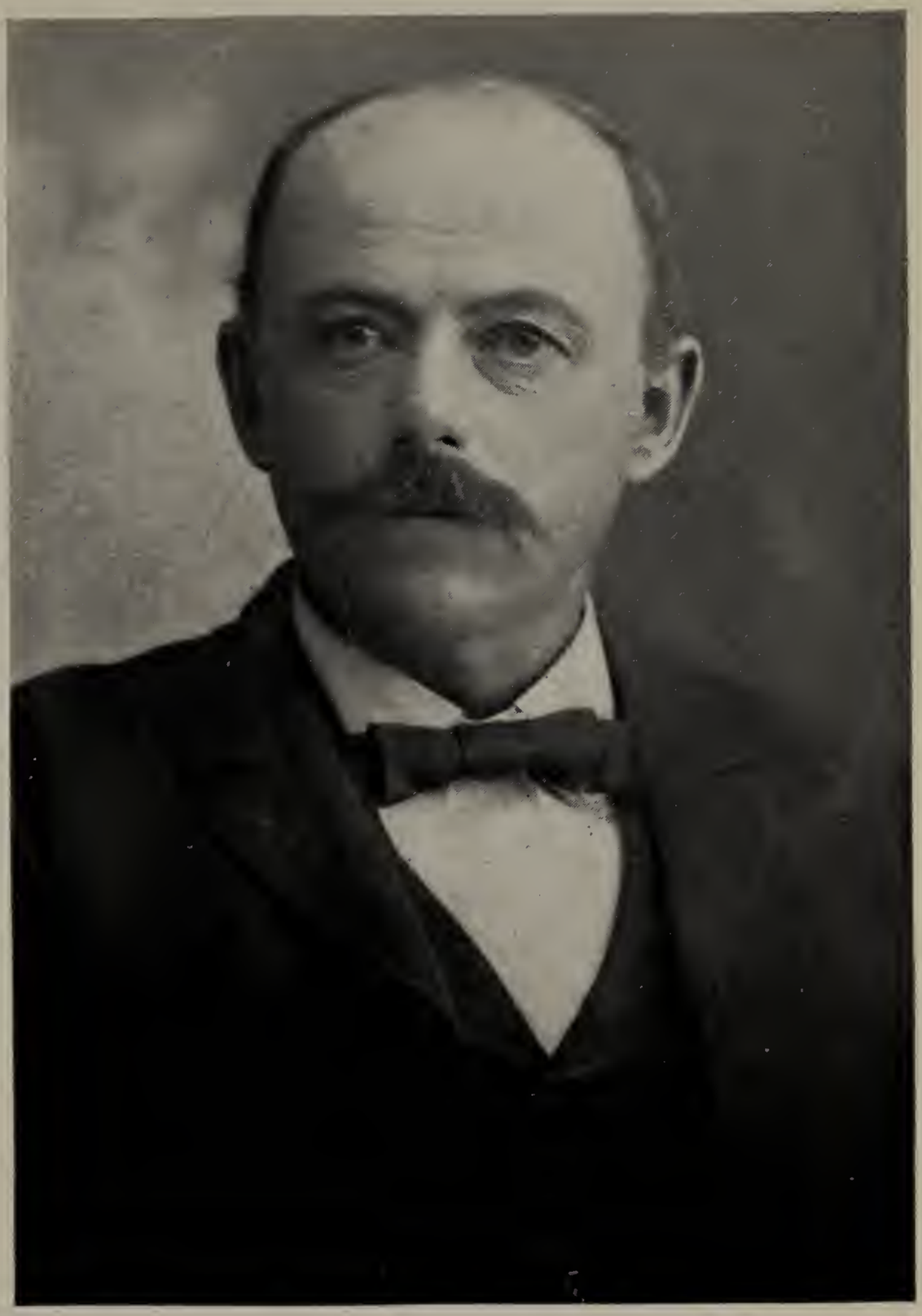
1. **Mabel Luella Reitz,** b. June 3, 1900.
2. **Alma Mary Reitz,** b. Mar. 8, 1902.
3. **Allen John Reitz,** b. July 11, 1897; d. Mar. 2, 1909, buried at New Tripoli, Pa.

MABEL LUELLA REITZ, daughter of Edwin and Sarah (Rau) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., June 3, 1900; a Lutheran; married Jan. 11, 1919, Charles Joseph Daniel Rauch, born Nov. 6, 1899, son of John and Cora (Braucher) Rauch. They live on and farm their farm near Lynnport, Pa., and have two children:

1. **Dorothy Cora Rauch,** b. July 14, 1919.
2. **Anna Arlene Rauch,** b. July 23, 1929.

ALMA MARY REITZ, daughter of Edwin and Sarah (Rau) Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Mar. 8, 1902; married Thomas H. Roberts. They live at Emerald, Pa., and have one child:

Elaine Roberts, b. 1923.



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Of Lynnport, Pa.

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ANGELINA REITZ, daughter of Philip and Solome (Straub) Reitz, born at the Philip Reitz homestead, one mile east of Lynnport, Pa., Oct. 23, 1826; d. Feb. 1, 1902, and is buried at the New Tripoli Church; married Daniel Leiby, son of Andrew and Eva A. (Brobst) Leiby and brother of Polly, the wife of her brother John P. Reitz, born near Lynnport, Pa., Jan. 5, 1821, d. Sept. 3, 1896, and is buried at the New Tripoli Church. They were farmers, lived on their farm at Mosserville, Pa., all their life and had six children:

1. **Elias Leiby.**
2. **James Leiby,** b. Dec. 26, 1846; d. Nov. 21, 1909.
3. **Rosa Ann Leiby,** b. May 5, 1852; d. June 1, 1926.
4. **Daniel Leiby,** m. Rosa — have twins: **Malcomb,** d. and **Abner.**
5. **Monroe Leiby,** b. June 14, 1857; d. Dec. 22, 1922.
6. **Sarah Ann Leiby,** b. Mar. 8, 1860.

ELIAS LEIBY, son of Daniel and Angelina (Reitz) Leiby, of Mosserville, Pa.; married Louisa Fritzinger, daughter of Nathan and Esther (Moyer) Fritzinger, of New Tripoli, Pa. They lived on their farm about one mile east of New Tripoli, Pa., and had five children:

1. **Noah Albert Monroe Leiby,** b. Apr. 20, 1871.

2. **Sylvester Leiby,** lives in Palmerton, Pa.
3. **Oscar Leiby,** Lehighton, R. 5, Pa.
4. **Wenson Leiby,** d. 1928.
5. **Elmer Leiby,** d. in infancy.

NOAH ALBERT MONROE LEIBY, son of Elias and Louisa (Fritzinger) Leiby, born near New Tripoli, Pa., Apr. 20, 1871; married, 1900, Ida R. Long, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Loch) Long. They live at 300 East Washington St., Slatington, Pa., and have ten children:

1. **Ralph Leiby,** b. Jan. 31, 1900; d. Aug. 29, 1900.
2. **Eugene Leiby,** b. Sept. 29, 1901.
3. **Nevin Leiby,** b. Oct. 1, 1903.
4. **Bertha Leiby,** b. Aug. 11, 1906.
5. **Edgar Leiby,** b. Jan. 25, 1909.
6. **Floyd Leiby,** b. Sept. 16, 1913; d. Feb. 19, 1915.
7. **Esther Leiby,** b. June 18, 1911; d. July 3, 1916.
8. **Howard Leiby,** b. Mar. 12, 1916.
9. **Norman Leiby,** b. May 10, 1919.
10. **Annabelle Leiby,** b. Nov. 2, 1923.

EUGENE LEIBY, son of Noah Albert Monroe and Ida R. (Long) Leiby, of Slatington, Pa., born Sept. 29, 1901; married Emma Crouthammel. They have two children:

1. **Mabel Leiby,** b. Nov. 26, 1921.
2. **David Leiby,** b. Aug. 28, 1923.

NEVIN LEIBY, son of Noah Albert Monroe and Ida R. (Long) Leiby, of Slatington, Pa., born Oct. 1, 1903; married Mar. 15, 1930, Alverna Henry, daughter of Howard and Dama (Heiney) Henry, of Walnutport, R. 2, Pa.

JAMES LEIBY, son of Daniel and Angelina (Reitz) Leiby, of Mosserville, Pa., born Dec. 26, 1846; d. Nov. 21, 1909, buried at New Tripoli Church; married Jane C. Geary, born Jan. 26, 1852, d. April 29, 1888, buried at New Tripoli, Church, daughter of Daniel and Susanna (Kern) Geary, of Slatington, Pa. They lived on their farm near Germansville, Pa., and had ten children:

1. **Lewis Daniel Leiby,** b. Sept. 12, 1869.
2. **Emma Leiby,** d. Sept. 1906, buried at New Tripoli, Pa.
3. **Aline Leiby.**
4. **James Leiby,** d.
5. **William Leiby,** Allentown, Pa.
6. **Howard Leiby,** b. Apr. 3, 1878; d. Dec. 3, 1929, buried at Heidelberg Church.
7. **Henry Leiby.**
8. **Elmer Leiby,** d. May 18, 1912, buried at Coplay, Pa.
9. **Eddie Leiby.**
10. **Wilmer Shalttag Leiby,** b. Feb. 29, 1888.

LEWIS DANIEL LEIBY, son of James and Jane C. (Geary) Leiby, born in Heidelberg Township, Sept. 12, 1869; married Nov. 29, 1892, Alice

Victoria Krum, daughter of James and Juliann (Rex) Krum. He is a potato shipper; engaged also formerly in farming and the mill business, at Germansville, Pa. They are Reformed, live at Pleasant Corner (Jordan), Pa., and have six children:

1. **Dr. Raymond Aaron Leiby,** b. Aug. 19, 1893; d. Nov. 12, 1928.
2. **Hilda Jane Leiby,** b. Oct. 31, 1894.
3. **Ida Serena Leiby,** b. Feb. 23, 1896.
4. **Minnie Alice Leiby,** b. June 4, 1901.
5. **Perma Juliann Leiby,** b. Sept. 15, 1902.
6. **Lewis James Leiby,** b. Aug. 23, 1906.

DR. RAYMOND AARON LEIBY, son of Lewis Daniel and Alice Victoria (Krum) Leiby, of Pleasant Corner (Jordan), Pa., born at Germansville, Pa., Aug. 19, 1893; d. at New Hope, Pa., Nov. 12, 1928, buried at Heidelberg Church; married Sept. 18, 1921, Myrtle Steigerwalt, daughter of Albert H. and Ida (Gangaware) Steigerwalt, of Andreas, Pa. He was a physician and Reformed. They lived at New Hope, Pa., where he practiced medicine, and had one daughter:

1. **Joyce Marie Leiby,** b. May 15, 1926, at New Hope, Pa.

HILDA JANE LEIBY, daughter of Lewis Daniel and Alice Victoria (Krum) Leiby, born at Germansville, Pa., Oct. 31, 1894; married June 29, 1923, Charles H. Reinhardt, born in Connecticut, May 22, 1891, son of Charles William and

Frances (Dennler) Reinhardt, the former a native of Wurttemberg, Germany, and the latter of Berne, Switzerland. She is Reformed. They live at 1120 North Twentieth St., Allentown, Pa. He is a member of Sanders Reinhardt Co., 711 Linden St., Allentown, Pa, Photo-Engravers, Designers, Retouchers, who made the cuts for printing the pictures in this book.

IDA SERENA LEIBY, daughter of Lewis Daniel and Alice Victoria (Krum) Leiby, of Jordan, Pa., born at Germansville, Pa., Feb. 23, 1896; married Jan. 28, 1917, Oliver Howard Peter, son of Howard A. and Cora (Bachman) Peter. They live at 1105 North Nineteenth St., Allentown, Pa., are Reformed, and have three children:

1. **Howard Lewis Peter,** b. Sept. 17, 1918.
2. **Alice Ida Peter,** b. Sept. 21, 1920.
3. **Gloria Cora Peter,** b. Oct. 8, 1925.

MINNIE ALICE LEIBY, daughter of Lewis Daniel and Alice Victoria (Krum) Leiby, of Pleasant Corner (Jordan), Pa., born at Germansville, Pa., June 4, 1901; married June 20, 1925, Henry C. Deens, son of Henry and Louise Deens. She is Reformed. They live at 321 Butler Ave., Ambler, Pa., and have two children:

1. **Henry Leiby Deens,** b. June 16, 1926, at Easton, Pa.
2. **Alice Louise Deens,** b. Dec. 29, 1928, at Allentown, Pa.

PERMA JULIANN LEIBY, daughter of Lewis Daniel and Alice Victoria (Krum) Leiby, of Pleasant Corner (Jordan), Pa., born at Germansville, Pa., Sept. 15, 1902; married Sept. 25, 1926, Wilmer Franklin Smith, born July 30, 1889, near Pleasant Corner (Jordan), Pa., son of Henry Franklin and Mary Regina (Reitz) Smith, of Pleasant Corner (Jordan), Pa. They are Reformed, and live at Pleasant Corner (Jordan), Pa., and have two children:

1. **James Franklin Smith,** b. Apr. 25, 1927, at Allentown, Pa.
2. **Shirley Virginia Smith,** b. July 31, 1928 at Jordan, Pa.

LEWIS JAMES LEIBY, son of Lewis Daniel and Alice Victoria (Krum) Leiby, of Pleasant Corner (Jordan), Pa., born at Germansville, Pa., Aug. 23, 1906. He is Reformed, and a student at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa.

ROSA ANN LEIBY, daughter of Daniel and Angelina (Reitz) Leiby, of Mosserville, Pa., born in Lynn Township, May 5, 1852; d. June 1, 1926, buried at New Tripoli Church; married William Franklin Snyder, born Feb. 3, 1852, d. Feb. 13, 1922, buried at New Tripoli Church, son of Nathan and Mary (Heintzelman) Snyder. They lived last at New Tripoli, Pa., and had four children:

1. **Angelina Mary Snyder,** b. Feb. 18, 1876.
2. **Aquilla Snyder,** b. July 19, 1878; d. young.

3. **Tewillia Snyder,** b. July 19, 1878; d. young.
4. **George Snyder,** b. July 2, 1880; d. young.

ANGELINA MARY SNYDER, daughter of William Franklin and Rosa Ann (Leiby) Snyder, born at Mosserville, Pa., Feb. 18, 1876; Reformed; married Dec. 2, 1897, Robert Johnathon Frey, born Jan. 23, 1874, son of Benjamin and Adamissa (Diehl) Frey. They live at New Tripoli, Pa., and have three children:

1. **Helen Machina Frey,** b. Feb. 28, 1899.
2. **Annie Laura Frey,** b. Oct. 13, 1900.
3. **Emma Polly Frey,** b. Dec. 9, 1902.

HELEN MACHINA FREY, daughter of Robert Johnathon and Angelina Mary (Snyder) Frey, born Feb. 28, 1899; married Dec. 18, 1920, Claude Samuel Greenawald, born May 1, 1897, son of Alvin and Lydia (Werley) Greenawald. They live at New Tripoli, and have four children:

1. **Miriam Lydia Greenawald.**
2. **Lucille Angelina Greenawald.**
3. **Lillian Helen Greenawald.**
4. **Robert Alvin Greenawald.**

ANNIE LAURA FREY, daughter of Robert Johnathan and Angelina Mary (Snyder) Frey, born Oct. 13, 1900; married June 26, 1920, Warren Alfred Herber, born Sept. 25, 1897, son of Alfred and Amanda (Sieger) Herber. They have three children:

1. **Irene Angelina Herber.**
2. **Pauline Amanda Herber.**
3. **Wayne Alfred Herber.**

EMMA POLLY FREY, daughter of Robert Johnathan and Angelina Mary (Snyder) Frey, of New Tripoli, Pa., born Dec. 9, 1902; married Dec. 25, 1920, Wilbur Dewey Herber, born Aug. 1, 1898, son of Granville and Tewillia (Bittner) Herber. They have one son:

1. **Harlan Harold Herber.**

MONROE LEIBY, son of Daniel and Angelina (Reitz) Leiby, of Mosserville, Pa., born near Mosserville, Pa., June 14, 1857; d. Dec. 22, 1922, buried in Highland Cemetery, Macungie, Pa.; married Aug. 3, 1887, Mary J. Schneck, born Sept. 30, 1862, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schneck. They lived on a farm near Macungie, Pa., and had four children:

1. **Charles Julianus Leiby,** b. Feb. 17, 1888; d. 1914.
2. **Cora Cathern Leiby,** b. Nov. 25, 1889; d. 1919.
3. **Angelina Rolandes Leiby,** b. June 16, 1893.
4. **George Monroe Leiby,** b. Dec. 14, 1902.

Mrs. Monroe Leiby, married, 2nd., Henry Moose, live Allentown, R. 60, Pa.

CHARLES JULIANUS LEIBY, son of Monroe and Mary J. (Schneck) Leiby, born Feb. 17, 1888; d. 1914, buried in Salt Lake City Cemetery,

Utah; lived in Salt Lake City, Utah, was foreman of a lineman gang and unmarried.

CORA CATHERN LEIBY, daughter of Monroe and Mary J. (Schneck) Leiby, born near Mosserville, Pa., Nov. 25, 1889; d. 1919; married Mar. 10, 1910, John E. Gill. They lived in Bethlehem, Pa., and had two sons:

1. **Bernard Earl Gill,** b. 1910.
2. **James Henry Gill,** b. 1913.

ANGELINA ROLANDES LEIBY, daughter of Monroe and Mary J. (Schneck) Leiby, born at New Tripoli, Pa., June 16, 1893; married Dec. 10, 1913, Howard E. Hoffman. Their post office is Emaus, R. 1, Pa., are engaged in truck farming, and have three children:

1. **Louise Angie Hoffman,** b. 1914.
2. **Anna Jane Hoffman,** b. 1916.
3. **Pearl May Hoffman,** b. 1919.

GEORGE MONROE LEIBY, son of Monroe and Mary J. (Schneck) Leiby, born at New Tripoli, Pa., Dec. 14, 1902; married June 20, 1920, Endora C. Clark, of Virginia. He is Reformed, and employed with the U. S. Customs Inspectors, Baltimore, Md. They live at 1308 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, Md., and have one son:

1. **Kenneth Blackburn Leiby,** b. 1922.

SARAH ANN LEIBY, daughter of Daniel and Angelina (Reitz) Leiby, of Mosserville, Pa., born

at Mosserville, Pa., Mar. 8, 1860; married, 1888, Charles Astoriah Wetherhold, born in Weisenberg Township, June 23, 1862, son of Elias Wetherhold, born in Lowhill Township, Feb. 12, 1826, and his wife Amelia Erhan (Stine) Wetherhold, born in Weisenberg Township, Sept. 14, 1831. Sarah Ann (Leiby) Wetherhold is a member of Salem Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa., and her husband is connected with the International Motor Co. They live at 715 North Ninth St., Allentown, Pa., and have three children:

1. **Angelina Amelia Agnes Wetherhold,** b. Jan. 21, 1890.
2. **Ralph Vitilas Wetherhold,** b. Apr. 28, 1893.
3. **Mark Andrew Wetherhold,** b. Nov. 30, 1896.

ANGELINA AMELIA AGNES WETHERHOLD, daughter of Charles Astoriah and Sarah Ann (Leiby) Wetherhold, born at Mosserville, Pa., Jan. 21, 1890; at home with her parents, Allentown, Pa., is a teacher in McKinley School Building, Allentown, Pa.

RALPH VITILAS WETHERHOLD, son of Charles Astoriah and Sarah Ann (Leiby) Wetherhold, born at Hynemansville, Pa., Apr. 28, 1893; married Annabel Kline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kline, Emaus, Pa. He is a teacher in the Science department, Allentown High School. They live in Allentown, Pa., and have two children:

1. **Jean Olive Wetherhold,** b. Feb. 22, 1920, Allentown, Pa.

2. **Elizabeth Rapp Wetherhold,** b. Oct. 18, 1922, Allentown, Pa.

MARK ANDREW WETHERHOLD, son of Charles Astoriah and Sarah Ann (Leiby) Wetherhold, born at Hynemansville, Pa., Nov. 30, 1896; married Ruby Kline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Kline, Emaus, Pa. He is a teacher in the Science department, Allentown High School. They live at Emaus, Pa., and have three children:

1. **Jame Charles Wetherhold,** b. May 1, 1921, Emaus, Pa.

2. **Henry Kline Wetherhold,** b. May 5, 1923, Emaus, Pa.

3. **Jenet Kline Wetherhold,** b. July 1, 1929, Emaus, Pa.

PART VII

JOHN H. REITZ

of near Catawissa, Pa.,

and his Descendants,

Son of

Lawrence Reitz

of near Lynnport, Pa.

Who was the Son of

Pioneer Johan Friedrich Reitz

JOHN H. REITZ, oldest son of Lawrence (son of Pioneer Joh. Friedrich) and Catharine (Hess) Reitz, of Lynnport, Lehigh Co., Pa., born near Lynnport, Pa., May 8, 1785; d. near Catawissa, Pa., Apr. 12, 1852, buried in the old cemetery at the Lutheran Church, Catawissa, Pa., where a tombstone marks his grave; married Mary Elizabeth Frey, of Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., born 1788, d. at Sterling, Ill., 1876, buried at Sterling, Ill. The initial "H" for his middle name stands most likely for Hess, the maiden name of his mother. The records show that John H. Reitz, after his majority, lived for some years and married, in Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., of which we mention a few. He is named as a married man in the assessment of 1812 for Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa.; took out a warrant for 100 acres of land, Feb. 20, 1813, in Lehigh Co., Pa. (Lynn Township), Pa., as recorded in Penna. Archives, 3rd. Ser., Vol. XXVI, p. 220. When New Tripoli, Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., was laid out into building lots by Samuel Ely in 1816, John Reitz is mentioned as having bought two lots (Nos. 127 and 128). Several years after this latter date he removed with his family to Catawissa, Pa., and settled on a farm near Roaring Creek, and the North Branch of the Susquehanna River, about three miles west from Catawissa, in Franklin Township, Columbia Co., Pa. True to ancestral custom he and his family became active members of the Lutheran Church at Catawissa, Pa., where

on examination of the Church Records, their names frequently appear, as communicants, baptism and confirmation of their children. The first time mentioned there that John Reitz and his wife Mary Elizabeth communed is Mar. 30, 1823. They frequently visited their parents and brothers and sisters in Lehigh Co., Pa., as related. They engaged in farming, and raised a family of eight children:

1. **Julia Reitz.**
2. **John Reitz.**
3. **Joseph Reitz,**
4. **Mary Reitz,** b. Apr. 9, 1817; d. June 4, 1895.
5. **Elizabeth Reitz,** b. Oct. 10, 1820; d. July 5, 1892.
6. **Catherine Reitz,** b. Oct. 10, 1820; d. Dec. 1, 1862.
7. **Margaret Reitz,** b. Nov. 12, 1825.
8. **Lafayette Reitz,** b. 1828; d. May 9, 1925.

When the author was a boy, 60 years ago, he often heard the old people relate how John H. Reitz, of Catawissa, Pa., came down yearly to Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., to visit his parents and brothers, and how sometimes he came down over the mountains with a big two-horse wagon on which were he himself with his wife and a lot of boys and girls, visiting his parents and relatives a few days near Lynnport, Pa. Those were the good old times. This was evidently between 1823 and 1852. His father, Lawrence Reitz, died Mar. 9, 1844, and the official records

in the courthouse at Allentown, Pa., show that his three oldest sons, John H. Reitz, Henry Reitz and Andreas Reitz, were the administrators of his estate, and that they conveyed by deed Apr. 1, 1845, three tracts of land (of the deceased Lawrence Reitz) in Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., to John A. Reitz for $1024.00, consisting of a farm 46 acres, and two tracts of woodland 28 acres and 3 acres. Recorded in Deed Book, Vol. 12, p. 443. The records of the said courthouse also disclose that after the death of Lawrence Reitz, "John H. Reitz, eldest son occepted and purchased, Sept. 6, 1844, at the appraisement, 117 acres 125p. (homestead) lands of the deceased Lawrence Reitz." Again the records of the said Courthouse show that John H. Reitz and his wife Mary Elizabeth, of Franklin Township, Columbia, Co., Pa., conveyed by deed, Feb. 1, 1845, to Philip Reitz (his youngest brother) of Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., three tracts of land, a farm 88½ acres (the homestead) and two tracts of woodland, 24 acres and 4 acres, in Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., for $2367.67. Recorded in Deed Book 11, p. 52.

John H. Reitz, of Catawissa, Pa., died Apr. 12, 1852, and thereafter the visits between his children and their uncles and aunts near Lynnport, Pa., became much less, till finally, the intimate acquaintance and happy remembrance sank into oblivion. His children scattered far and wide, and the ways of communication were scant. William H. Reitz, of Lynnport, Pa., 87 years old, still

relates how his cousin Lafayette Reitz, son of John H., of Catawissa, visited his uncles and cousins at Lynnport about 1856, when he heard him say: "Next week I am going West," and that thereafter he came no more. However, it is related that there were later occasional visits by others, either of Lynnport or Catawissa families.

Part VII, Sec. 1.

JOHN REITZ, JR., of Catawissa, Pa., oldest son of John H. and Mary Elizabeth (Frey) Reitz, of near Catawissa, Pa., born in Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa. The records of Catawissa Lutheran Church show that he was confirmed Lutheran on Apr. 24, 1825, by Rev. Peter Kessler, Lutheran minister, and also that he communed on June 3, 1827. He married Margaret Cromley, and died about 1832. They had one son, **Levi Reitz**, b. 1829.

LEVI WRIGHT (Reitz), son of John and Margaret (Cromley) Reitz, Jr., of Catawissa, Pa., born, 1829; d. near Bloomsburg, Pa., 1883. He departed from the long ancestral custom and spelled his name "Wright" instead of "Reitz." He married Rebecca Masteller. They lived near Bloomsburg, Pa., and had four children:

1. **William Wright (Reitz)**, d. 1883; dentist, unmarried.
2. **Margaret Wright (Reitz)**, d. 1927.
3. **Nora J. Wright (Reitz).**

4. **Elizabeth Wright (Reitz)**, b. 1864.

MARGARET WRIGHT (Reitz), oldest daughter of Levi and Rebecca (Masteller) Wright (Reitz) of near Bloomsburg, Pa.; married B. F. Barch. They lived at Portland, Oregon, where she died in 1927. They had three children, of whom one son and one daughter died and the other daughter, **Mrs. Whetmyer** is still living.

NORA J. WRIGHT (Reitz), second oldest daughter of Levi and Rebecca (Masteller) Wright (Reitz), of near Bloomsburg, Pa.; married Rev. L. H. Kline. They live in Philadelphia, Pa., and have four children:

1. **Mae Kline**, Philadelphia, Pa.
2. **Harold Kline**, m. live in Philadelphia, Pa.
3. **Herbert Kline**, m. no issue, live in Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **Child**, d.

ELIZABETH WRIGHT (Reitz), daughter of Levi and Rebecca (Masteller) Wright (Reitz), of near Bloomsburg, Pa., born in 1864; married Benjamin Diehl in 1895. They live in Danville, Pa., are Presbyterian, occupation farming, and have three children:

1. **David H. Diehl**, b. 1896; civil engineer; m. and lives in Pittsburgh, Pa.
2. **Mary W. Diehl**, b. 1898; m. J. L. Jordan, D.D.S., live in Danville, Pa., where he practices dentistry.

3. **Paul W. Diehl,** b. 1900; is District Manager of the Equitable Life Insurance Co., Reading, Pa.

Part VII, Sec. 2.

JOSEPH REITZ, son of John H. and Mary Elizabeth (Frey) Reitz, of Catawissa, Pa., was born in Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa. In the Lutheran Church at Catawissa, Pa., is the record in German that Joseph Reitz was confirmed and received into membership of the Church, on Apr. 19, 1829, by Rev. Peter Kessler, Lutheran minister. He married Sarah Mensch. He died when his son William was only a baby. They lived west of Catawissa, Pa., along the Susquehanna River near Roaring Creek; and had three children of whom the first two died young or in infancy, and have small tombstones in the old cemetery of the Catawissa, Pa., Lutheran Church, each marked as the son of Joseph and Sarah Reitz:

1. **John A. Reitz,** d. Mar.30, 1834.
2. **John S. Reitz,** d. July, 1835.
3. **William Reitz,** b. Sept. 23, 1835; d. Mar. 7, 1893.

WILLIAM REITZ, son of Joseph and Sarah (Mensch) Reitz, of near Catawissa, Pa., born near Catawissa, Pa., Sept. 23, 1835; d. Nov. 7, 1893, at Shickshinny, Pa., where he is buried. His father died when he was a baby and he was raised by relatives in Franklin Township, Columbia Co., Pa. He was a Civil War soldier. Married Savilla

Martz, born Aug. 14, 1837. They owned and lived one time on a farm about three miles from Catawissa, Pa., at Roaring Creek, which farm he inherited from his father and afterwards sold it to Thomas Mensch. They had eleven children:

1. **Joseph Reitz,** b. June 23, 1858; d. (m. Elizabeth Coleman—had one child).

2. **David Reitz,** b. Oct. 2, 1859; engineer; m. Etta Kline, live at Catawissa, Pa., have four children.

3. **John Reitz,** b. Feb. 8, 1861; engineer; m. Elizabeth Fleming, live at Rupert, Pa., have four children.

4. **Sarah Catharine Reitz,** b. Jan. 10, 1866; d. (m. Charles Folk, Catawissa, Pa., no issue).

5. **William Henry Reitz,** b. July 16, 1867; farmer; m. Florence Artley, live at Elysburg, Pa., have five children.

6. **Martin Luther Reitz,** b. Aug. 24, 1868; d. (m. had one child).

7. **Elmer Reitz,** b. Nov. 8, 1869; farmer; m. Anna Brown, live at Salem, Oregon, have three children.

8. **Mary Reitz,** b. Jan. 11, 1871; m. William Andreas, live at 112 Fourth Ave., Sterling, Ill., farmers, one child.

9. **Charles Reitz,** b. Dec. 27, 1872; d. (m. Lula Wingert, lived at Dixon, Ill., had one child).

10. **Dora Reitz,** b. Mar. 17, 1875.

11. **Harrison Reitz,** b. Aug. 14, 1878; farmer; m. and lives at Mt. Pleasant, Mich., no issue.

DORA REITZ, daughter of William and Savilla (Martz) Reitz, of near Catawissa, Pa., born at Catawissa, Pa., Mar. 17, 1875; married Dec. 24, 1895, Thomas A. Jacoby, part owner of Fullerton Furniture Factory, Fullerton, Pa. No issue. They are Reformed, and live at 895 Third St., Fullerton, Lehigh Co., Pa.

Part VII, Sec. 3.

MARY REITZ, daughter of John H. and Mary Elizabeth (Frey) Reitz, of Catawissa, Pa., born in Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., Apr. 9, 1817; d. June 4, 1895,at Dixon, Ill; married Thomas Clayton, born in Columbia Co., Pa., Apr. 19, 1814, d. Feb. 7, 1885, at Dixon, Ill. They were farmers near Dixon, Illinois, and had three children:

1. **Charles C. Clayton,** b. Oct. 1843; d. Nov. 10, 1865.
2. **Owen L. Clayton,** b. Nov. 27, 1844; d. Mar. 3, 1898.
3. **Mary A. Clayton,** b. Sept. 1855; d. Sept. 23, 1856.

OWEN L. CLAYTON, son of Thomas and Mary (Reitz) Clayton, of Dixon, Ill., born in Columbia Co., Pa., Nov. 27, 1844; d. Mar. 3, 1898, at Dixon, Ill.; married Jan. 13, 1870, Mary C. Mensch, born in Columbia Co., Pa., June 24, 1844, d. Apr. 3, 1913, at Dixon, Ill. They were farmers near Dixon, Ill., and had five children:

1. **Harriet E. Clayton,** b. Mar. 14, 1871; d. Feb. 26, 1926.
2. **Thomas W. Clayton,** b. Sept. 30, 1872.
3. **Charles B. Clayton,** b. Oct. 27, 1875.
4. **Clark M. Clayton,** b. Feb. 5, 1879.
5. **Dr. E. Harry Clayton,** b. Jan. 29, 1881.

HARRIET E. CLAYTON, daughter of Owen L. and Mary C. (Mensch) Clayton, of Dixon, Ill., born Mar. 14, 1871; d. Feb. 26, 1926; married, 1st., Dec. 5, 1889, Alonzo G. Birdsall, born May 11, 1867, d. Aug. 8, 1900. They had three children:

1. **Orrin C. Birdsall,** b. Jan. 25, 1892; d. Jan. 5, 1893.
2. **Lloyd Birdsall,** of Durant, Ill.
3. **Lester Birdsall,** of Sterling, Ill.

Harriet E. Clayton, married, 2nd., June 17, 1903 Harry F. Hubbard.

THOMAS W. CLAYTON, son of Owen L. and Mary C. (Mensch) Clayton, of Dixon, Ill., born Sept. 30, 1872; married June 13, 1900, Nora J. Mossholder, born Feb. 11, 1876. He is a civil engineer. They live at Dixon, Illinois, and have four children:

1. **Albert Clayton,** b. Mar. 26, 1901; d. Mar. 28, 1901.
2. **Wilbur S. Clayton,** b. Aug. 14, 1902.
3. **Catherine M. Clayton,** b. July 29, 1904; d. Apr. 6, 1908.
4. **I. Eleanor Clayton,** b. Sept. 21, 1909.

CHARLES B. CLAYTON, son of Owen L. and Mary C. (Mensch) Clayton, of Dixon, Ill., born Oct. 27, 1875; married Dec. 25, 1900, Kathryn I. MacArthur. They are farmers at Reeds Point, Montana, and have two children:

1. **Ethel M. Clayton.**
2. **O. Walter Clayton.**

CLARK M. CLAYTON, son of Owen L. and Mary C. (Mensch) Clayton, of Dixon, Ill., born Feb. 5, 1879; married Oct. 31, 1905, Marietta Kennedy. He is a civil engineer. They live at Los Angeles, Calif., and have one child:

1. **Mary Dee Clayton.**

DR. E. HARRY CLAYTON, son of Owen L. and Mary C. (Mensch) Clayton, of Dixon, Ill., born Jan. 29, 1881; married June 2, 1909, Ione Shultz. He is a physician. They live at Arkansas City, Kansas, and have two children:

1. **Virginia Clayton.**
2. **William Clayton.**

Part VII, Sec. 4.

ELIZABETH REITZ, daughter of John H. and Mary Elizabeth (Frey) Reitz, of near Catawissa, Pa., born Oct. 10, 1820; d. July 5, 1892, at Dixon, Ill., where she is buried; married Benjamin DeFrain. The records of the Lutheran Church, Catawissa, Pa., state that Elizabeth Reitz and Catharine Reitz were confirmed Lutheran and com-

muned in 1833, by Rev. William J. Eyerly, V.D.M. They lived at Dixon, Ill., and had four children:

1. **Calvin DeFrain,** b. Feb. 6, 1844, Catawissa, Pa.; d. July 10, 1872, in Pennsylvania, on a farm where he lived; m. Dec. 31, 1868, Elizabeth Frey; no issue.

2. **Ana Margaret DeFrain,** b. Mar. 27, 1847, Catawissa, Pa., d. young.

3. **Mabery DeFrain,** b. Oct. 28, 1852; d. Oct. 28, 1881.

4. **William Oliver DeFrain,** b. July 5, 1861.

MABERY DeFRAIN, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Reitz) DeFrain, of Dixon, Ill., born at Catawissa, Pa., Oct. 28, 1852; d. Oct. 28, 1881; married Dec. 15, 1877, Emma Mosely. They lived on a farm at Alexandria, Nebraska, and had three children:

1. **Frank Alvin DeFrain,** b. Sept. 28, 1878; m. Catherine Leisenfelt, live on a farm at Alexandria, Neb., and have two children: **Lowell DeFrain,** b. 1908, (m. Apr. 19, 1930, Kathleen Morhead); **Mildred Mabel DeFrain,** b. 1912, (m. Dec. 30, 1929, Howard Waltamath.

2. **Frederick William DeFrain,** b. Nov. 4, 1879, is married, and they live on a farm at Alexandria, Neb., and have five children: **Evelyn Margaret,** b. 1908; **Ruth Barbary,** b. 1911; **Howard,** b. 1913; **Orvil,** b. 1915; and **Aldene,** b. 1917.

3. **Elizabeth Margaret DeFrain**, b. June 23, 1881; married Charlie Grim, have two children: **Wilbur**, d. in infancy, and **Helen** who is married.

WILLIAM OLIVER DeFRAIN, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Reitz) DeFrain, of Dixon, Ill., born at Dixon, Ill., July 5, 1861; married Mar. 7, 1889, Mattie A. Henrie. They live at Dixon, Illinois, and have one daughter:

1. **E. Bernice DeFrain**, b. Jan. 27, 1895, at Dixon, Ill.

Part VII, Sec. 5.

CATHERINE REITZ, daughter of John H. and Mary Elizabeth (Frey) Reitz, of Catawissa, Pa., born in Pennsylvania, Oct. 10, 1820; d. at Dixon, Ill., Dec. 1, 1862, buried at Dixon, Ill.; married at Danville, Columbia Co., Pa., Jan. 5, 1842; Uriah Gruver, born in Columbia Co., Pa., Oct. 16, 1818, son of George and Elizabeth Gruver. They lived some years at Danville, Pa., and then in Lee Co., Ill., and had nine children:

1. **Joseph C. Gruver**, b. June 13, 1843, at Danville, Pa.
2. **James Gruver**, b. Sept. 11, 1845, at Danville, Pa.; d. Nov. 26, 1864, in the Civil War.
3. **Mary Elizabeth Gruver**, b. July 27, 1848, at Danville, Pa.
4. **Lydia Ann Gruver**, b. Sept. 27, 1851, Columbia Co., Pa.
5. **Malinda Gruver**, b. Sept. 10, 1855, Columbia Co., Pa.

6. **Margaret Alice Gruver,** b. Jan. 6, 1856, Lee Co., Ill.
7. **John Luther Gruver,** b. Dec. 2, 1857, Lee Co., Ill.
8. **David Lincoln Gruver,** b. May 15, 1860, Lee Co., Ill.
9. **Lafayette Ellsworth Gruver,** b. Oct. 15, 1862, Lee Co., Ill.

JOSEPH C. GRUVER, son of Uriah and Catherine (Reitz) Gruver, born at Danville, Pa., June 13, 1843; d. Apr. 3, 1918, at Lincoln, Neb., buried at Fremont, Neb.; married, Sept. 23, 1869, near Dixon, Ill., Rebecca M. Sharrar, born Jan. 4, 1846, d. Dec. 21, 1915, buried at Fremont, Neb. Church membership was Congregational and Presbyterian; occupation, farmer. He enlisted in Co. A, 75th Reg., Ill. Vol. Inf., in Aug. 1862, and served three years, was wounded in the leg by gunshot at Lovejoy Station, in Sherman's Campaign against Atlanta. They lived at Lincoln, Neb., and had two children:

1. **James Grant Gruver,** b. Sept. 17, 1872.
2. **Cora May Gruver,** b. July 23, 1874.

JAMES GRANT GRUVER, son of Joseph C. and Rebecca M. (Sharrar) Gruver, born on a farm near Colon, Saunders Co., Neb., Sept. 17, 1872; married at Gretna, Neb., July 26, 1908, Mary Sharky, born Sept. 7, 1882. No issue. Engaged in farming in Nebraska, live now at Kalama, Washington.

CORA MAY GRUVER, daughter of Joseph C. and Rebecca M. (Sharrar) Gruver, born near Colon, Saunders Co., Neb., July 23, 1874; married at Lexington, Neb., Nov. 28, 1907, Ernest Fauquet. They live near Mason City, Nebraska, and have two children:

1. **Joseph Roy Fauquet,** b. May 25, 1910.
2. **Esther May Fauquet,** b. Oct. 20, 1912.

MARY ELIZABETH GRUVER, daughter of Uriah and Catherine (Reitz) Gruver, born at Danville, Pa., July 27, 1848; d. at her home in Dixon, Lee Co., Ill., Feb. 3, 1910, buried at Sugar Grove Cemetery, Lee Co., Ill.; married in Lee Co., Ill., Jan. 21, 1869, John Calvin McCleary, d. at his home in LosAngeles, Calif., buried at Sugar Grove Cemetery, Lee Co., Ill. He was a Civil War soldier, enlisted in Co. I, 134th Reg., Penna. Vol. Inf., served nine months in Army of the Potomac, and was in battles of Antietam, South Mountain, and Fredericksburg. They were Presbyterian, lived at Dixon, Lee Co., Illinois, and had six children:

1. **Laura Selinda McCleary,** b. Mar. 30, 1870.
2. **Mary Alice McCleary,** b. Jan. 24, 1874, unmarried.
3. **Emma Mable McCleary,** b. May 4, 1877.
4. **Edward Clarence McCleary,** b. May 18, 1880.
5. **William Jason McCleary,** b. Mar. 8, 1883; d. Nov. 2, 1889.
6. **Ethel McCleary,** b. Mar. 30, 1888.

LAURA SELINDA McCLEARY, daughter of John Calvin and Mary Elizabeth (Gruver) McCleary, born in Lee Co., Ill., Mar. 30, 1870; married in Lee Co., Ill., Feb. 19, 1896, Merritt H. Scholl. They are engaged in farming, live at North Dement Ave., Dixon, Illinois, and have two children:

1. **Clark Eugene Scholl,** b. Jan. 17, 1898, farmer at Dixon, Ill., (m. Jan. 1918, Ethel Palmer, of Dixon, Ill., have three children: **Maurice Carlton,** b. Oct. 4, 1920; **Gladys Laura,** b. Oct. 13, 1923; and **Phylis Christian,** b. Mar. 30, 1930).
2. **Roy Willis Scholl,** b. Dec. 17, 1901, in Lee Co., Ill., farmer at Dixon, Ill., (m. Nov. 27, 1924, Helen Corbin, of Dixon, Ill., a teacher).

EMMA MABLE McCLEARY, daughter of John Calvin and Mary Elizabeth (Gruver) McCleary, born at Dixon, Ill., May 4, 1877; married at LosAngeles, Calif., May 1, 1912, Charles Howe, d. July 2, 1919, in Chicago, Ill., from an accident, being run over by a street car. No issue.

EDWARD CLARENCE McCLEARY, son of John Calvin and Mary Elizabeth (Gruver) McCleary, born at Dixon, Ill., May 18, 1880; married Mar. 29, 1911, Harriett Barlow, of Dixon, Ill. They moved to California, where they are engaged as farmers or ranchmen, and have twins:

1. **Barlow McCleary,** b. June 16, 1912.
2. **Edwina McCleary,** b. June 16, 1912.

ETHEL McCLEARY, daughter of John Calvin and Mary Elizabeth (Gruver) McCleary, born at Dixon, Ill., Mar. 30, 1888; married at Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 29, 1912, Alfred H. Kerton, of Los Angeles, Calif. They live at Los Angeles, Calif., and have four children:

1. **Margaret Kerton,** b. May 22, 1913.
2. **John Alfred Kerton,** b. June 20, 1916.
3. **Emma Loraine Kerton,** b. Jan. 8, 1918.
4. **Mary Elizabeth Kerton,** b. Mar. 6, 1920.

LYDIA ANN GRUVER, daughter of Uriah and Catherine (Reitz) Gruver, born in Columbia Co., Pa., Sept. 27, 1851; married Feb. 6, 1873, in Lee Co., Ill., John Mensch, born in Columbia Co., Pa., May 29, 1846. He was a Civil War soldier in Co. A, 140th Illinois Reg., served about a year. They are Lutheran, live at Dixon, Ill., and have nine children:

1. **Charles Elmer Mensch,** b. Feb. 19, 1874, in Whiteside Co., Ill., (m. Mar. 27, 1900, Harriett Beede, live on farm north of Dixon, Ill. No. issue).
2. **Mary Margaret Mensch,** b. Oct. 16, 1875.
3. **Harry Eugene Mensch,** b. Jan. 26, 1879, (m. June 29, 1910, Georgia Cocke, live in Los Angeles, Calif. No issue).
4. **Florence Mabel Mensch,** b. May 21, 1881, in Lee Co., Ill., (m. June 15, 1910, Mark D. Williams, live on farm north of Dixon, Ill., have two children: **Elmer E.,** b. Dec. 8, 1911, and **Mark Robert,** b. July 30, 1919).

5. **Katherine Rena Mensch,** b. June 30, 1883, in Lee Co., Ill.

6. **Edward Luther Mensch,** b. Mar. 1, 1886, in Lee Co., Ill., (m. Dec. 18, 1918, Ruby Snyder, live on farm north of Dixon, Ill., have two children: **Irene,** b. July 28, 1919, and **John E.** b. July 30, 1920).

7. **Evaline Mensch,** b. Jan. 9, 1889, in Lee Co., Ill.

8. **Iva Gertrude Mensch,** b. Feb. 21, 1891, in Lee Co., Ill.

9. **Arthur John Mensch,** b. Feb. 17, 1893, in Lee Co., Ill., served in World War, June 1918 to Sept. 1919, in France and Army of Occupation, (m. Feb. 6, 1918, Ada Atkinson, live near Mitchell, South Dakota, have one child, **Lucilla,** b. June 8, 1920).

MARY MARGARET MENSCH, daughter of John and Lydia Ann (Gruver) Mensch, born in Whiteside Co., Ill., Oct. 16, 1875; married Dec. 23, 1902, Frank Alter. They live on a farm north of Dixon, Lee Co., Ill., and have four children:

1. **Naomi Alter,** b. Feb. 12, 1904, (m. Jan. 20, 1926, LeRoy Lefevre, live northwest of Dixon, Ill., have two children: **Elaine,** b. Mar. 21, 1928, and **Elou R.,** b. Dec. 28, 1929).

2. **Luella Alter,** b. Jan. 9, 1905.

3. **Alice L. Alter,** b. Oct. 18, 1906, (m. Feb. 25, 1930, Vincent Prescott, live north of Dixon, Ill).

4. **Wilbur Alter,** b. July 10, 1908.

MALINDA GRUVER, daughter of Uriah and Catherine (Reitz) Gruver, born in Columbia Co., Pa., Sept. 10, 1853; d. at her home in Dixon, Lee Co., Ill., Mar. 13, 1926; married Jan. 26, 1882, Elliott S. McCleary, born Nov. 18, 1854. They were Methodist, lived at Dixon, Lee Co., Ill., and had five children:

1. **Olive Mae McCleary,** b. Oct. 30, 1882.
2. **Orville Ellsworth McCleary,** b. Oct. 30, 1886.
3. **Minnie Hazel McCleary,** born Oct. 30, 1888.
4. **Harold Elliott McCleary,** b. Dec. 2, 1890.
5. **Roy Scott McCleary,** b. Jan. 22, 1893.

OLIVE MAE McCLEARY, daughter of Elliott S. and Malinda (Gruver) McCleary, born at Dixon, Ill., Oct. 30, 1882; married Oct. 15, 1908, Louis G. Neppen, born at Dixon, Ill., Feb. 21, 1881. They are Methodist, live at Dixon, Illinois, and have two children:

1. **George Elliott Neppen,** b. July 26, 1919; d. July 28, 1919.
2. **Ruth Laverne Neppen,** b. June 22, 1922.

ORVILLE ELLSWORTH McCLEARY, son of Elliott S. and Malinda (Gruver) McCleary, born at Dixon, Ill., Oct. 30, 1886; married Feb. 17, 1914, Clara H. Webster, born June 17, 1889, at Dixon, Ill. He is a clerk. They are Methodist, live at Dixon, Illinois, and had one son and an adopted daughter:

1. **Orville Ellsworth McCleary,** b. Jan. 10, 1915; d. Jan. 10, 1915.
2. **Mary Anna M. McCleary,** b. Oct. 24, 1912, (adopted).

MINNIE HAZEL McCLEARY, daughter of Elliott S. and Malinda (Gruver) McCleary, born at Dixon, Ill., Oct. 30, 1888; married June 29, 1915, Arthur E. Sheffield, born at Grand Detour, Ill., Apr. 9, 1887. They are Methodist, live at Dixon, Illinois, and have one daughter:

Lois Elizabeth Sheffield, b. Apr. 13, 1918.

HAROLD ELLIOTT McCLEARY, son of Elliott S. and Malinda (Gruver) McCleary, born at Dixon, Ill., Dec. 2, 1890; married Feb. 14, 1917, Ruth C. Lievan, born May 23, 1892, at Dixon, Ill. He is Methodist, a farmer. They live near Dixon, Illinois, and have three children:

1. **Robert E. McCleary,** b. May 2, 1919.
2. **Helen Jean McCleary,** b. June 13, 1921.
3. **Elliott Harold McCleary,** b. Sept. 12, 1927.

ROY SCOTT McCLEARY, son of Elliott S. and Malinda (Gruver) McCleary, born at Dixon, Ill., Jan. 22, 1893; married Sept. 1, 1920, Josephine A. Lievan, born at Dixon, Ill., July 27, 1900. They are Methodist, farmers, live near Dixon, Illinois, and have two sons:

1. **Roy Ellwood McCleary,** b. Jan. 9, 1923, at Dixon, Ill.

2. **Gordon Lievan McCleary,** b. Aug. 30, 1928, at Dixon, Ill.

MARGARET ALICE GRUVER, daughter of Uriah and Catherine (Reitz) Gruver, born near Dixon, Ill., Jan. 6, 1856; married Feb. 22, 1877, at her home in Lee Co., Ill., William Winfield Harden, born Oct. 19, 1853. They are Lutheran, live at Dixon, R. F. D., Lee Co., Illinois, and have four children:

1. **Florence Edna Harden,** b. June 3, 1878.
2. **Minnie Susan Harden,** b. Mar. 19, 1884.
3. **Walter Russell Harden,** b. Feb. 22, 1889; d. Feb. 25, 1912, killed by being run over by train at public railway crossing—died at his home.
4. **Alvin Louis Harden,** b. May 19, 1894.

FLORENCE EDNA HARDEN, daughter of William Winfield and Margaret Alice (Gruver) Harden, born near Dixon, Ill., June 3, 1878; married Feb. 28, 1905, Henry Bollman, farmer, near Dixon, Ill., born Sept. 21, 1873, d. at his home, Sept. 23, 1927. They have two children:

1. **Edward Winfield Bollman,** b. June 7, 1908.
2. **Robert Henry Bollman,** b. Mar. 20, 1910.

MINNIE SUSAN HARDEN, daughter of William Winfield and Margaret Alice (Gruver) Harden, born near Dixon, Ill., Mar. 19, 1884; d. Aug. 26, 1928; married Sept. 20, 1905, Nelson Frank Richardson, of Lee Center, Lee Co., Ill., born

May 20, 1879, at Lee Center, Lee Co., Illinois. They have three children:

1. **Helen Margaret Richardson,** b. Dec. 7, 1907.
2. **Eloise Harden Richardson,** b. Oct. 2, 1909.
3. **Winnifred Gene Richardson,** b. Aug. 26, 1922.

ALVIN LOUIS HARDEN, son of William Winfield and Margaret Alice (Gruver) Harden, born near Dixon, Ill., May 19, 1894; married Jan. 23, 1918, at Chadwick, Ill., Dorothy Brown, born Oct. 19, 1894; d. at her home Feb. 2, 1925. They lived near Chadwick, Illinois, where they had three children:

1. **Alvin Louis Harden,** b. July 12, 1921.
2. **Mary Jane Harden,** b. Nov. 11, 1923.
3. **William Winfield Harden,** b. Jan. 21, 1925.

Alvin Louis Harden married, 2nd., June 9, 1929, Frances Elizabeth Fiscel, born May 3, 1909. They live on a farm near Dixon, Illinois, and have one child:

Donald Wain Harden, b. Nov. 2, 1929.

JOHN LUTHER GRUVER, son of Uriah and Catherine (Reitz) Gruver, born at Dixon, Ill., Dec. 2, 1857; married May 7, 1885, Emma Louise Eastwood. They are Methodist Episcopal, farming, live at Medical Lake, Washington, and have four children:

1. **Lewis Ellsworth Gruver,** b. Mar. 2, 1886.
2. **Hazel May Gruver,** b. May 9, 1891.
3. **Isla Belle Gruver,** b. June 12, 1893; d. Apr. 12, 1898.
4. **Robert Spencer Gruver,** b. Nov. 21, 1902.

LEWIS ELLSWORTH GRUVER, son of John Luther and Emma Louise (Eastwood) Gruver, born at Dixon, Ill., Mar. 2, 1886; married Feb. 15, 1913, Millie Christina Attebery. He is manager of Wells and Wade, Inc. They live at 17 North Franklin St., Wenatchee, Washington, and have two children:

1. **Byra Geraldine Gruver,** b. Mar. 24, 1916.
2. **Marian Louise Gruver,** b. Mar. 16, 1926.

HAZEL MAY GRUVER, daughter of John Luther and Emma Louise (Eastwood) Gruver, born at Anthon, Iowa, May 9, 1891; married July 5, 1927, Robert Clyde Kennedy. He is an orchardist. They are Methodist Episcopal, live at Peshastin, Washington, and have one child:

Roberta Jean Kennedy, b. Apr. 20, 1928.

ROBERT SPENCER GRUVER, son of John Luther and Emma Louise (Eastwood) Gruver, born at Medical Lake, Washington, Nov. 21, 1902; married June 2, 1929, Neva Helen Jones. He is purchasing agent for Wells & Wade, Inc. They are Methodist Episcopal and live at 775 Munroe St. Wenatchee,, Washington.

DAVID LINCOLN GRUVER, son of Uriah and Catherine (Reitz) Gruver, born near Dixon, Ill., May 15, 1860; married Nov. 11, 1886, Mamie E. Lindeman. He is a manufacturer. They live at 122 Clinton Place, Kansas City, Missouri, are members of Independence Avenue M. E. Church, and have three children:

1. **LeRoy Lindeman Gruver,** b. July 10, 1890.
2. **Carlos Columbus Gruver,** b. Feb. 6, 1893; d. Aug. 10, 1893.
3. **Helen Pearl Marie Gruver,** b. Sept. 8, 1904.

HELEN PEARL MARIE GRUVER, daughter of David Lincoln and Mamie E. (Lindeman) Gruver, born Sept. 8, 1904; married June 22, 1927, Everett F. Corwin. They have one son:

Everett F. Corwin, Jr., b. Sept. 23, 1928.

LAFAYETTE ELLSWORTH GRUVER, son of Uriah and Catherine (Reitz) Gruver, born at Dixon, Ill., Oct. 15, 1862; married at Wahoo, Neb., Nov. 7, 1889, Eva Maria McClurkin. He is a lawyer. Church membership is Congregational and Methodist; live at Lincoln, Nebraska, and have three children:

1. **Lillian Park Gruver,** b. July 14, 1890; d. June 19, 1895, at Wahoo, Neb.
2. **Helen Eva Gruver,** b. Nov. 11, 1892, at Wahoo, Neb.
3. **Alberta Gruver,** b. Apr. 29, 1895, at Wahoo, Neb.

HELEN EVA GRUVER, daughter of Lafayette Ellsworth and Eva Maria (McClurkin) Gruver,of Lincoln, Neb., born at Wahoo, Neb., Nov. 11, 1892; married Oct. 17, 1916, at Lincoln, Neb., George Alexander Knight, born Apr. 23, 1892; church membership is Methodist; occupation, banking. They live at 5403 Walker Ave., Lincoln, Nebraska, and have four children:

1. **Dorothy Jeanetta Knight,** b. Mar. 25, 1918, at Lincoln, Neb.

2. **George William Knight,** b. Sept. 14, 1919, at Lincoln, Neb.

3. **John Ellsworth Knight,** b. May 14, 1925, at Lincoln, Neb.

4. **Charles Edward Knight,** b. Nov. 26, 1926, at Lincoln, Neb.

ALBERTA GRUVER, daughter of Lafayette Ellsworth and Eva Maria (McClurkin) Gruver, of Lincoln, Neb., born at Wahoo, Neb., Mar. 29, 1895; married May 28, 1918, in Methodist Church, at University Place, now Lincoln, Neb., Arthur Benjamin Gelwick, born Oct. 20, 1888, near Brainard, Butler Co., Neb. Church membership is Congregational; occupation, teacher. They live at Falls City, Nebraska, and have three children:

1. **Robert Arthur Gelwick,** b. Dec. 19, 1920, at Hardy, Nuckells Co., Neb.

2. **Richard Gruver Gelwick,** b. Feb. 18, 1924, at Red Cloud, Webster Co., Neb.

3. **Willard Benjamin Gelwick,** b. Aug. 15, 1928, at Falls City, Richardson, Co., Neb.

Part VII, Sec. 6.

JULIA REITZ, oldest daughter of John H. and Mary Elizabeth (Frey) Reitz, of Catawissa, Pa., born in Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., about 1810; was married twice and had two daughters. Lived, and is buried at St. Joseph, Missouri.

Part VII, Sec. 7.

MARGARET REITZ, daughter of John H. and Mary Elizabeth (Frey) Reitz, of near Catawissa, Pa., born near Catawissa, Pa., Nov. 12, 1825. Her baptismal record is in the Lutheran Church at Catawissa, Pa., baptized on Mar. 26, 1826, by Rev. Peter Kessler; a record also shows she was confirmed Lutheran, in 1842, by Rev. W. J. Eyerly. She married Abraham Detweiler, and is buried in Southern Illinois. No issue.

Part VII, Sec. 8

LAFAYETTE REITZ, son of John H. and Mary Elizabeth (Frey) Reitz, of Catawissa, Pa., born near Catawissa, Pa., 1828; d. at Pasadena, Calif., May 9, 1925, buried at San Gabriel Cemetery, near Pasadena, Calif. He was evidently named after the great French General Lafayette, of American Revolutionary fame, who toured the country in 1825, three years before the birth of

Lafayette Reitz, and of whom the historian says: "For more than a year his (Gen. Lafayette's) journey was a complete ovation—a perpetual and splendid pageant." The old Reitz people were great patriots. John H. Reitz's father, Lawrence Reitz, and his two uncles, Henry Reitz and Jacob Reitz, were American Revolutionary soldiers; therefore, he named his son **Lafayette**—very patriotically and appropriately. Lafayette Reitz married Abby Mensch, in 1853, and in 1856 they moved to a farm at Sterling, Illinois; one year later to a farm at Dixon, Illinois, where they lived three years, when he purchased a large farm north of Sterling, Ill., where they lived twenty years and prospered and raised a family. His first wife having died in 1873 he married the second time, in 1876. In 1881 he moved to a smaller farm at Dixon Ill., and rented his large farm at Sterling, Ill., to his oldest son John L. Reitz. In 1898 he moved to Pasadena, Calif., where he had a lovely home on South Hill Avenue, surrounded by orange trees and other tropical fruit trees and verdure, and most of his children living near. He was a remarkable man, drove his automobile after he was 87 years old, and very well; and with his good memory, as related, often spoke in his latter years about his Reitz relatives in Lehigh Co., Pa.; lived there 26 years, and at his death, 96 years, 5 months, had descendants, with his children, 32 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren

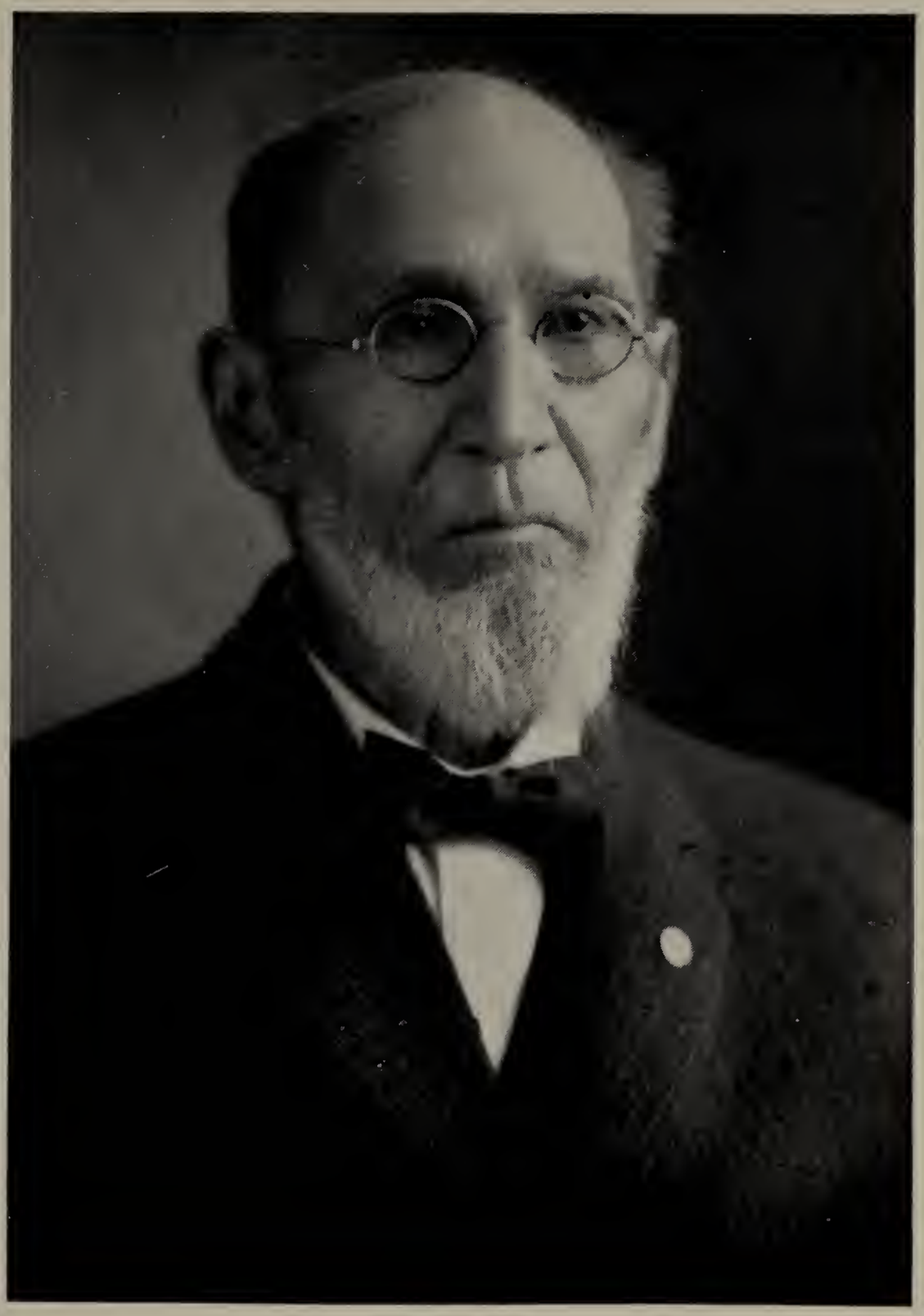
Lafayette Reitz was married twice. He married 1st., in 1853, Abby Mensch, of near Catawissa, Pa., born in 1834, d. at Sterling, Ill. in 1873, buried at Sterling, Ill. and they had eleven children, four of which died in infancy. He married, 2nd., in 1876, Sophia F. Seidel, born in 1848, d. at Pasadena., Calif, Mar. 1924, buried at San Gabriel Cemetery, near Pasadena, Calif., and they had one son. The following are his children:

1. **Annie E. Reitz,** b. Apr. 8, 1854; d. 1918.
2. **John L. Reitz,** b. Oct. 12, 1856.
3. **Mae M. Reitz,** b. Nov. 2, 1858.
4. **Sarah Alice Reitz,** b. Apr. 25, 1862.
5. **Joseph Emanuel Reitz,** b. Nov. 11, 1865.
6. **Catherine Reitz,** b. Apr. 22, 1870; d. Apr. 24, 1909.
7. **Edward Lafayette Reitz,** b. Mar. 19, 1873.
8. **Frank W. Reitz,** b. Jan. 11, 1879.

In addition there were four other children, who died in infancy, or a total of twelve children, of which Frank W. Reitz, he had with his second wife.

ANNIE E. REITZ, daughter of Lafayette and Abby (Mensch) Reitz, born at Catawissa, Pa., Apr. 8, 1854; d. at Pasadena, Calif., 1918; married in 1881, Jacob Winters, d. at Sterling, Ill., 1898. They had seven children:

1. **Blanche Winters,** b. Feb. 6, 1882; d. 1919, (m. 1900 Lormie Bennet, have son and daughter).
2. **Joseph L. Winters,** b. 1883; d. 1902, at Sterling, Ill.



LAFAYETTE REITZ
Of Pasadena, Calif.
Born 1828, died May 9, 1925.
Picture taken when he was 90 years old

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3. **John Winters,** b. Oct. 5, 1885, at Sterling, Ill., (m. 1912, Della Reiter, at Pasadena—have two children, **Jack and Bettie,** live in Pasadena).

4. **Edith Winters,** b. Sept. 3, 1887, at Sterling, Ill., (m. 1909, Dr. E. C. Markey, at Pasadena, have one daughter, Thirza Markey).

5. **Zelma Winters,** b. Jan. 18, 1890, at Easton, Pa., (m. 1909, Everett Clark, at Los Angeles, have daughter **Loie** and son **Harold**).

6. **Catherine Winters,** b. Apr. 22, 1891, at Sterling, Ill., (m. 1913, Campbell Edwards, at Pasadena, have son and three daughters, live in Pasadena).

7. **Florence Winters,** b. Aug. 12, 1894, at Sterling, Ill., (m. 1921, George Thomas, in Los Angeles, have son Jimmie, live in Los Angeles).

JOHN L. REITZ, son of Lafayette and Abby (Mensch) Reitz, born near Sterling, Ill., Oct. 12, 1856; married Dec. 25, 1879, at Sterling, Ill., Elizabeth Moyer. He is Lutheran, a retired farmer. They live at 310 Fourth Ave., Sterling, Ill., and have six children:

1. **Arthur W. Reitz,** b. Jan. 1, 1883.
2. **Mary Edith Reitz,** b. Nov. 12, 1884.
3. **Walter LeRoy Reitz,** b. Mar. 24, 1887.
4. **Ada Elizabeth Reitz,** b. Sept. 5, 1889, (m. Mr. Crocker).
5. **Clayton Elmer Reitz,** b. Sept. 15, 1892.
6. **Charles Franklin Reitz,** b. July 18, 1894.

ARTHUR W. REITZ, son of John L. and Elizabeth (Moyer) Reitz, of Sterling, Ill., born near Sterling, Ill., Jan. 1, 1883; married in June 1918, Fairy Langendorfer. They live at Oak Park, Chicago, Ill., and have four sons:

1. **Robert William Reitz,** b. Jan. 29, 1919.
2. **Donald Louis Reitz,** b. May 20, 1920.
3. **Willard LaVerne Reitz,** b. Dec. 15, 1922.
4. **Edward James Reitz,** b. Sept. 7, 1924.

WALTER LeROY REITZ, son of John L. and Elizabeth (Moyer) Reitz, of Sterling, Ill., born near Sterling, Ill., Mar. 24, 1887; married in Oct. 1913, Douna Van Auken. They live at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and have three children:

1. **Mary Elizabeth Reitz,** b. July 25, 1914.
2. **Walter LeRoy Reitz, Jr.,** b. Oct. 7, 1917.
3. **John VanAuken Reitz,** b. Aug. 7, 1924.

Three children of John L. and Elizabeth (Moyer) Reitz, of Sterling, Ill., were in the World War, and were overseas during the war, and afterwards returned home "safe and sound." Ada Elizabeth Reitz Crocker, as a nurse; Clayton Elmer Reitz, as an aviator; and Charles Franklin Reitz, in the navy, who had crossed the ocean eight times during the war.

MARY MARGARET (MAE M.) REITZ, daughter of Lafayette and Abby (Mensch) Reitz, born near Dixon, Ill., Nov. 2, 1858; married Oct. 26, 1887, in Chicago, Ill., Homer L. Drinkwater, who is deceased. No issue.. She is Presbyterian

and lives at 3582 Grand View Blvd., Palms Sta., Los Angeles, Calif. In the fall of 1898 her father, Lafayette Reitz, moved from Dixon, Ill., to Pasadena, Calif., where he had a beautiful home on South Hill Avenue, surrounded by orange trees and other deciduous fruit, where she lived with him for 25 years, with filial care and companionship, till he died on May 9, 1925, at the advanced age of 96 years and 5 months.

SARAH ALICE REITZ, daughter of Lafayette and Abby (Mensch) Reitz, born near Sterling, Whiteside Co., Ill., Apr. 25, 1862; married Dec. 22, 1881, at Dixon, Ill., Charles Edward Menning, of Freeport, Ill., born Nov. 3, 1857, at Washington, Iowa., d, Dec. 29, 1912, in Pasadena, Calif. Church membership is Congregational. She lives at 1134 Bresee Ave., Pasadena, Calif. He was a carpenter, contractor and builder. They had five children:

1. **Lulu Anna Menning,** b. Nov. 4, 1882, (m. June 15, 1904, Leon Caryl Bockway, have two daughters).
2. **Kate Mae Menning,** b. Sept. 15, 1884, (m. July 20, 1906, Edward Homman, no issue).
3. **Charles LeRoy Menning,** b. Nov. 5, 1891, (m. Aug. 30, 1920, Mildred Dakin, have three sons and one daughter).
4. **Sara Alice Menning,** b. July 23, 1894, (m. May 12, 1918, Phillip W. Roberts, have one son and two daughters).

5. **Carlotte E. Menning,** b. Feb. 23, 1901, (m. June 24, 1924, Vito A. Brussolo, have son **John Allen**).

JOSEPH EMANUEL REITZ, son of Lafayette and Abby (Mensch) Reitz, born in Illinois, Nov. 11, 1865; married Dec. 27, 1888, Lorada E. Heckman. Carpenter, farmer, Methodist; live at Pasadena, California, and have five children:

1. **Minnie Alice Reitz,** b. Mar. 8, 1893, (m. 1912, Lewis Tours, in Pasadena, Calif.).
2. **Mildred May Reitz,** b. Mar. 30, 1894, (m. 1910, Walter Jackson, have two children, **Robert** and **Jean**).
3. **Ethel Marie Reitz,** b. Mar. 18, 1895, (m. 1918, Gail Mergenthaler, have four children: **Gailard, Beverly, Donald** and **Joan**).
4. **Wilbur Joseph Reitz,** b. Sept. 1, 1897, (m. 1920, Alma ——, have son, Wilbur).
5. **Catherine Reitz,** b. Oct. 6, 1907, (m. Oct. 15, 1929, Johnie Johnson).

CATHERINE REITZ, daughter of Lafayette and Abby (Mensch) Reitz, born Apr. 22, 1870; d. Apr. 24, 1909, in Pasadena, Calif.; married Dec. 25, 1890, at Dixon, Ill., George Garrison. They had two daughters:

1. **Lucretia Garrison,** b. Oct. 26, 1892, near Dixon, Ill., (m. 1915, at Pasadena, Calif., Martin Miller, of Iowa; live near Chino, California, and have five children: **Catherine, Miles, Everet, Melvin** and **Ralph**).

2. **Leila Garrison,** b. July 19, 1896, at Dixon, Ill., (m. 1920, at Pasadena, Calif., Pierson Grier; live near Chino, California, and have three sons: **Harold, Robert** and **Richard**).

EDWARD LAFAYETTE REITZ, son of Lafayette and Abby (Mensch) Reitz, born at Sterling, Ill., Mar. 19, 1873; married Mar. 20, 1895, Jennie A. Wright. After their marriage they lived one year in Illinois, and then moved to near Plainfield, Iowa, where they had purchased a farm of 160 acres, which they occupied and farmed for 25 years, where all their children were born, after which they moved to Clarksville, Iowa, where they are now living retired by themselves. He is carpenter and Methodist. They have five children:

1. **Bessie Leola Reitz,** b. Mar. 5, 1897, a Methodist, and a trained nurse graduated from Iowa City, Iowa. (m, June 9, 1925, James A. Porter; live at 6726 Third Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., have two children: **Renona, Jean,** b. Nov. 13, 1927, and **James Edward,** b. June 30, 1929).

2. **Cora Margaret Reitz,** b. Mar. 23, 1899, a Methodist, a trained nurse graduated from Blackwell's Island, N. Y., unmarried, and lives at 500½ Mound Ave., Pasadena, Calif.

3. **Lavada Kathrine Reitz,** b. May 9, 1901, a Methodist, a trained nurse graduated from Blackwell's Island, N. Y., (m. May 9, 1925, Richard Hansen, have one child: **Mary Louise,** b. Sept.

15, 1927, live at 792 Thirty-ninth St., North Portland, Oregon).

4. **Floyd Lafayette Reitz,** b. Dec. 21, 1904, a mechanic in Ford Plant, (m. June 29, 1927, Grace Porter, have one child: **Edra Marjorie,** b. Jan. 21, 1930, live at 1006 North Pearl Ave., Compton, Calif.).

5. **Wayne Edward Reitz,** b. Sept. 16, 1906, unmarried, a marine in the U. S. Patrol Squadron.

FRANK W. REITZ, son of Lafayette and Sophie S. (Seidel) Reitz, (second wife), born near Dixon, Ill., Jan. 11, 1879; married, 1st., 1902, at Long Beach, Calif., Nora Wilson, have two children:

1. **Laverna Reitz,** lives in Los Angeles, Calif.
2. **Valley Reitz,** lives in Los Angeles, Calif.

Frank W. Reitz married, 2nd., 1921, at Los Angeles, Calif., Flora Thomas. They live near Los Angeles and have two children:

1. **Frank W. Reitz, Jr.**
2. **Jean Reitz.**

PART VIII

HENRY REITZ

of Lenhartsville, Pa.

Son of

Lawrence Reitz

of near Lynnport, Pa.

Who was the Son of

Pioneer Johan Friedrich Reitz

HENRY REITZ, the second son of Lawrence and Catharine (Hess) Reitz, of Lynnport, Pa., was born near Lynnport, Pa., Feb. 15, 1789. He is mentioned in the Lynn Township tax list for 1812 as a single freeman; married, later, and lived near Lynnport, Pa., for some time, and then settled on a farm at the north side of the Ontalaunee Creek about a mile below Lenhartsville, Berks Co., Pa., where he lived till death. They had several children, among which were:

1. **Henry Reitz.**
2. **Daniel Reitz,** lived some time near Lynnport and then at Reading, Pa.
3. **Luis Reitz,** b. Oct. 20, 1832; d. May 1, 1857.
4. **Lucy Reitz,** m. a Yerring or Herring.
5. **A daughter,** who m. Leiby, lived for some time between Steins Corner and Wesnersville, Pa. and then moved West.

A grandson, **Jonathan Reitz,** lived in Reading, Pa., who died in 1907.

Henry Reitz died June 27, 1859, aged 70 years, 4 months, and 12 days, buried at Dunkels Church, near Dreibelbis, Berks Co., Pa., where a tombstone marks his grave about the middle of the cemetery. Aside of his grave stands the tombstone of his son, Luis Reitz, who died May 1, 1857.

PART IX

Elizabeth Reitz Oswald

of near Jacksonville, Pa.,

and her Descendants,

Daughter of

Lawrence Reitz

of near Lynnport, Pa.

Who was the Son of

Pioneer Johan Friedrich Reitz

MARIA ELIZABETH REITZ, daughter of Lawrence and Catharine (Hess) Reitz, he being the youngest son of Pioneer Johan Friederich and Anna Margaretha (Steigerwalt) Reitz, born on the old Reitz homestead, east of Lynnport, Pa., Nov. 28, 1794; d., Feb. 18, 1864, buried at Jacksonville Church; married Daniel Oswald, born Oct. 12, 1792, d. Apr. 18, 1861, buried at Jacksonville Church, son of John and Elizabeth (Steigerwalt) Oswald. They lived on a large farm of about 300 acres at the foot of the Blue Mountain, northeast of Jacksonville, Pa., and had seven children:

1. **Daniel Oswald,** b. June 23, 1816; d. July 7, 1898.
2. **Elizabeth Oswald,** b. Feb. 4, 1823; d. Apr. 2, 1906.
3. **Samuel R. Oswald,** b. Apr. 30, 1825; d. Dec. 4, 1905.
4. **Solomon R. Oswald,** b. Aug. 12, 1827; d. Aug. 24, 1909.
5. **Elias Oswald,** d . in infancy.
6. **Rebecca Oswald,** d. young.
7. **Catharine Oswald,** d. young.

Maria Elizabeth Reitz Oswald and her husband Daniel Oswald are buried at Jacob's Church, Jacksonville, Pa., where their tombstones have the following inscriptions:

"Hier ruhet
MARIA ELIZABETH
geborne Reitz
Gattin von
DANIEL OSWALD
geboren den 28 Novem.
1795
starb den 18 Februar
1864
Alter 68 Jahre, 2 M. u. 20 Tage."

"Hier ruhet
DANIEL OSWALD
Ehegatte von
Elizabeth geb. Reitz
Geboren den 12 Oct. 1792
Starb den 18 April 1861
Alter
68 Jahre 6 M. u 6 Tage."

Part IX, Sec. 1.

DANIEL OSWALD, son of Daniel and Maria Elizabeth (Reitz) Oswald, born near Jacksonville, Pa., June 23, 1816; d. July 7, 1898, buried at the Jacksonville Church; married Rebecca Correll, born in West Penn, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Dec. 25, 1814, d. Sept. 30, 1895, buried at the Jacksonville Church. They lived on their farm which they acquired from his father near Jacksonville, Pa., being a part of his large estate, now the home of his descendant Charles Philips. They had eight children:

1. Rebecca Oswald, b. Dec. 24, 1838; d. Nov. 1, 1839.

2. Priscilla Oswald, b. Aug. 2, 1840; d. Sept. 27, 1840.

3. **Mary Oswald,** b. Feb. 22, 1842; d. Dec. 21, 1853.

4. **Medina Oswald,** b. Aug. 15, 1843.

5. **Charles Oswald,** b. Apr. 27, 1846; d. Nov. 27, 1846.

6. **Polly Oswald,** b. Apr. 13, 1849; d. Dec. 24, 1922.

7. **Albert Oswald,** b. Mar. 1, 1853; d. Dec. 30, 1853.

8. **Amanda Oswald,** b. Nov. 22, 1855; d. Apr. 4, 1856.

MEDINA OSWALD, daughter of Daniel and Rebecca (Correll) Oswald, of Jacksonville, Pa., born near Jacksonville, Pa., Aug. 15, 1843; married May 10, 1868, Elias Snyder, born Feb. 17, 1843, d. Oct. 22, 1920, buried at New Tripoli Church, son of Peter (Justice of the Peace) and Rebecca (Schitz) Snyder. They lived at New Tripoli, Pa., and had one daughter:

1. **Laura Ida Snyder,** b. Nov. 2, 1868.

LAURA IDA SNYDER, daughter of Elias and Madina (Oswald) Snyder, born near Jacksonville, Pa., Nov. 2, 1868; married July 1, 1890, Dr. John A. Kressly, born near Lynnville, Pa., son of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Kressly, b. Apr. 4, 1862, d. Jan. 19, 1919, buried at the New Tripoli Church, who graduated at the Pennsylvania Dental College, Philadelphia, Pa., 1886, and at Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., 1889. They lived at New Tripoli, Pa., and had one daughter:

1. **Roma Ida Kressly,** b. June 7, 1891.

ROMA IDA KRESSLY, daughter of Dr. John A. and Laura Ida (Snyder) Kressly, born at New Tripoli, Pa., June 7, 1891, graduated at West Chester State Normal School, 1910; married Sept. 23, 1914, Daniel Clyde Kerstetter, born at Treverton, Pa., Feb. 14, 1889, son of Isaac and Matilda (Frahn) Kerstetter. He is cashier of the New Tripoli National Bank. They live at New Triploi, Pa., are Lutheran, and have two children:

1. **Robert Daniel Kressly Kerstetter,** b. Jan. 14, 1916.
2. **Margaret Roma Kressly Kerstetter,** b. May 22, 1919.

POLLY OSWALD, daughter of Daniel and Rebecca (Correll) Oswald, born near Jacksonville, Pa., Apr. 12, 1849; d. Dec. 24, 1922, buried at Jacksonville Church; married Aaron Philips, born near New Tripoli, Pa., June 30, 1846, d. June 1, 1917, buried at Jacksonville Church, son of John and Margaret (Lauchnor) Philips. They purchased the farm of her father near Jacksonville, Pa., where they lived and had four children:

1. **Lauretta Janelia Rebecca Philips,** b. Oct. 25, 1872.
2. **Carrie Irene Philips,** b. Apr. 6, 1874.
3. **Harvey Daniel Philips,** b. Apr. 10, 1878.
4. **Charles Clinton Philips,** b. May 23, 1882.

LAURETTA JANELIA REBECCA PHILIPS, daughter of Aaron and Polly (Oswald) Philips, born at Lynnport, Pa., Oct. 25, 1872; married Sept. 17, 1895, Charles H. Hoffman, born 1869, d. Sept. 17, 1926, buried at Summit Hill, Pa., He was a locomotive engineer, and they lived at Lansford, Pa. No issue.

CARRIE IRENE PHILIPS, daughter of Aaron and Polly (Oswald) Philips, born at Lynnport, Pa., Apr. 6, 1874; married July 1, 1898, Oliver Jonathan Brobst, born June 30, 1876, son of Isaac K. and Mary Ann (Rau) Brobst, of Lynnport, Pa. He is foreman of the machinery crew at the lithograph department of the N. J. Zinc Works, Palmerton, Pa. They are Reformed, live at Slatedale, Pa., and had one child:

Florence May Brobst, b. Oct. 13, 1900; d. Nov. 25, 1900.

HARVEY DANIEL PHILIPS, son of Aaron and Polly (Owsald) Philips, born at Lynnport, Pa., Apr. 10, 1878; married Dec. 25, 1900, Katie Fusselman, daughter of James and Missouri (Brobst) Fusselman, of Wanamakers, Pa. They lived at Jacksonville, Pa., and had four children:

1. **Charles.**
2. **Clara.**
3. **Eva.**
4. **Lovie.**

CHARLES PHILIPS, son of Harvey Daniel and Katie (Fusselman) Philips, born, 1902; married Mirian Remaly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Remaly. They have two children:

1. **Infant,** b. 1927; d. in infancy.
2. **Jean Philips,** b. Aug. 1928.

CHARLES CLINTON PHILIPS, son of Aaron and Polly (Oswald) Philips, born at Lynnport, Pa. May 23, 1882; married Dec. 25, 1902, Gertrude Mantana Eck, of West Penn, Pa. They purchased his father's farm near Jacksonville, Pa., where they live and farm. They have nine children:

1. **Birdie Irene** (m. Wilson Casey, have one child).
2. **Lawrence Oliver.**
3. **Florence.**
4. **Infant Son,** d. in infancy.
5. **Pauline.**
6. **Albert Aaron.**
7. **Hattie.**
8. **Ruth Marie.**
9. **Harvey.**

Part IX, Sec. 2.

ELIZABETH OSWALD, daughter of Daniel and Maria Elizabeth (Reitz) Oswald, born at the old Oswald homestead, near Jacksonville, Pa., Feb. 4, 1823; d. Apr. 2, 1906, buried at Jacksonville Church; married Hon. Daniel H. Creitz, born

near Jacksonville, Pa., Jan. 1, 1824, d. Oct. 11, 1893, buried at Jacksonville Church, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Follweiler) Creitz, the latter being a grand-daughter of the famed Frederick Lieser, who hauled the Liberty Bell from Philadelphia to Allentown, Pa., in the fall of 1777. Hon. Daniel H. Creitz was school director for many years, Justice of the Peace for 25 years, member of the General Assembly at Harrisburg for three terms, 1868, 1869, 1870. They lived (1855 to 1893) on their farm in Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., where they farmed and had eight children:

1. **Elias Oswald Creitz,** (m. Amelia Haas, have son **Elias Solomon**).

2. **Richard H. L. Creitz,** b. Aug. 17, 1846; (m. Sarah Ellen Holben, daughter of David and Carolina (Hartman) Holben, lived on their farm near Jacksonville, Pa., and had six children: **Elmira C.** (m. Harry Shepherdson), **Daniel H., David W., Alice M.** (m. Phaon Kerschner), **John A.**, and **George H.**

3. **Emelina Creitz,** (m. William Benner, have children: **Earl** and **Howard**).

4. **Rebecca Creitz.**

5. **Rosalia M. Creitz,** (m. Alvin Snyder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Snyder, of Lynnport, Pa., have children: **Howard, Samuel** and **Hattie.**

6. **Daniel F. Creitz,** d. young.

7. **Francis D. Creitz,** d. young.

8. **Ella Creitz,** d. young.

ELIAS SOLOMON CREITZ, son of Elias Oswald and Amelia (Haas) Creitz, born in Lynn Township, Nov. 25, 1871; married Nov. 24, 1894, Anna M. Fritz. He is Reformed, and a contractor. They live at Greenawalds, Pa., P. O. Address, Allentown, R. 3, Pa., and have four children:

1. **Bertha A. Creitz,** b. Nov. 14, 1895; m. Harvey Rothermel, live at Allentown, R. 3, Pa.
2. **Mabel E. Creitz,** b. Nov. 14, 1902; d. Jan. 12, 1909.
3. **Evelyn A. Creitz,** b. July 24, 1910.
4. **Anna Amelia Creitz,** b. July 21, 1913.

Part IX, Sec. 3.

SAMUEL OSWALD, son of Daniel and Maria Elizabeth (Reitz) Oswald, born at the old Oswald homestead near Jacksonville, Pa., Apr. 30, 1825; d. Dec. 4, 1905, buried at the Jacksonville Church; married Elizabeth Correll, born at West Penn, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Mar. 4, 1821, d. Jan. 16, 1911, buried at Jacksonville Church. They acquired a farm, a part of his father's large homestead at the foot of the Blue Mountains near Jacksonville, Pa., where they lived and farmed. They had twelve children:

1. **Elihu Oswald,** b. Dec. 25, 1843.
2. **Willoughby Oswald,** b. Apr. 11, 1845; d. Nov. 26, 1862.
3. **Emalina Oswald,** b. Jan. 15, 1848.
4. **James Oswald,** b. Dec. 2, 1848; d. Mar. 30, 1928.

5. **Amos Oswald,** b. Feb. 7, 1851; d. Mar. 7, 1873.

6. **Adelina C. Oswald,** b. Mar. 4, 1853; d. Nov. 19, 1897.

7. **Charles Oswald,** b. Aug. 28, 1854; d. May 14, 1860.

8. **Simon S. Oswald,** b. Apr. 24, 1856.

9. **John Oswald,** b. July 18, 1858; d. May 29, 1928.

10. **Mary Oswald,** b. Feb. 20, 1861; d. July, 1928.

11. **William Oswald,** b. July 8, 1863; d. Mar. 20, 1873.

12. **Alvena Oswald,** b. May 30, 1866; d.

ELIHU OSWALD, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Correll) Oswald, born near Jacksonville, Pa., Dec. 25, 1843; married Lavina Wehr, born in Heidelberg Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., Aug. 12, 1857, d. Oct. 5, 1920, daughter of Joseph and Lavina (Snyder) Wehr. He is Reformed, was a soldier in the Civil War, Co. H, 209th Pa. Vol., and lives at 1057 Allen St., Allentown, Pa. They lived during their married life at New Tripoli, Pa., and had six children:

1. **Palmer Howard Oswald,** (m. Linda Carolina Peters, live at 1057 Allen St., Allentown, Pa., and have son: **Dietrich**).

2. **Angelina Medina Oswald,** (m. Claude Zettlemoyer, live at Emaus, Pa.).

3. **Alice Alvena Oswald,** (m. Charles Hemmerly (deceased), lives at Slatington, Pa., and had daughter: **Norma,** m. Victor Neff).

4. **Charles Elihu Oswald,** (m. Ruth Peters, live at Metalene Falls, Washington, and have two daughters: **Helen** and **Marjorie**).

5. **Elda Rebecca Oswald,** (m. Samuel Nester, undertaker, live at Steinsville, Pa., and have four children: **Claude, Palmer, Charles** and **Mildred**)

6. **Laura Ellen Oswald,** (m. James Derr, live in Allentown, Pa., and have four children: **Grace, Mattie, Beatrice** and **Herman**).

EMELINA OSWALD, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Correll) Oswald, born near Jacksonville, Pa., Jan. 15, 1848; married Lewis Handwerk, born in Lynn Township, Sept. 1854, (deceased), son of Nathan and Lydia (Snyder) Handwerk. She is Lutheran, and lives in Slatington, Pa. No issue.

ADELINA C. OSWALD, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Correll) Oswald, born near Jacksonville, Pa., Mar. 4, 1853; d. Nov. 19, 1897, buried at New Tripoli Church; married William Franklin Snyder, son of Jonas F. and Maria (Dankel) Snyder, of Heidelberg Township, Lehigh Co., Pa. She was Reformed. They lived at New Tripoli, Pa., and had eleven children:

1. **Iva V. Snyder,** b. July 2, 1872; d. Mar. 12, 1873.

2. **Cora L. Snyder,** b. Apr. 2, 1874; d. Mar. 3, 1882.

3. **Tillie M. Snyder,** b. Mar. 25, 1876.

4. **Lillie A. Snyder,** b. Apr. 28, 1878.

5. **James W. Snyder,** b. Nov. 13, 1880; d. Apr. 24, 1929.

6. **Bertie E. Snyder,** b. Nov. 11, 1883.

7. **Ralph L. Snyder,** b. Mar. 10, 1885; d. Feb. 10, 1925.

8. **Charles E. Snyder,** b. Dec. 17, 1886.

9. **Ella J. Snyder,** b. Jan. 16, 1889; d. July 14, 1889.

10. **Viola E. Snyder,** b. Apr. 21, 1891.

11. **Lottie Lucinda Snyder,** b. Jan. 13, 1893; d. Dec. 6, 1904.

TILLIE M. SNYDER, daughter of William Franklin and Adelina C. (Oswald) Snyder, of New Tripoli, Pa., born Mar. 25, 1876; married James Blank, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Blank, of Alburtis, Pa. They live at Bethlehem, Pa., and have two children:

1. **Harrison Blank,** d. young.

2. **Nellie Blank,** (m. Robert Dickert, live in Florida, and have two children: **Mildred and**—).

LILLIE A. SNYDER, daughter of William Franklin and Adelina C. (Oswald) Snyder, of New Tripoli, Pa., born Apr. 28, 1878; married Frank O. Weiss, son of John and Eliza (Kressly) Weiss, of Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa. They had one son, **Raymond Weiss,** d. in infancy.

JAMES W. SNYDER, son of William Franklin and Adelina C. (Oswald) Snyder, of New Tripoli, Pa., born Nov. 30, 1880; d. Apr. 24, 1929, buried at New Tripoli Church; Reformed and lived at New Tripoli, Pa.

BERTIE E. SNYDER, daughter of William Franklin and Adelina C. (Oswald) Snyder, of New Tripoli, Pa., born Nov. 11, 1883; married William E. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Miller, of East Mauch Chunk, Pa. They have two children:

1. **Mildred Miller.**
2. **Naomi Miller,** (m. Fred Hascher, of East Mauch Chunk, Pa., and they have two children: **June** and **Gloria**).

RALPH L. SNYDER, son of William Franklin and Adelina C. (Oswald) Snyder, of New Tripoli, Pa., born Mar. 10, 1885; d. Feb. 10, 1925, buried at New Tripoli Church; married Barbara D. Lauchnor, daughter of William and Lizzie (Kistler) Lauchnor. He was Reformed. They lived at New Tripoli, Pa., and had four children:

1. **Alton Snyder,** (m. Verna Miller).
2. **Russell Snyder.**
3. **Randall Snyder.**
4. **Reba Snyder.**

CHARLES E. SNYDER, son of William Franklin and Adelina C. (Oswald) Snyder, of New Tripoli, Pa., born Dec. 17, 1886; married Oct. 30,

1909, Mabel D. Krauss, born in Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., Oct. 2, 1887, daughter of Owen and Ellen (Semmel) Krauss. He is Reformed, and an undertaker. They live at New Tripoli, Pa.

VIOLA E. SNYDER, daughter of William Franklin and Adelina C. (Oswald) Snyder, of New Tripoli, Pa., born Apr. 21, 1891; married Charles Faust, son of Albert and Malinda (Sechler) Faust, of Lynnport, Pa., They live in Allentown Pa., and have one daughter, **Vinnie Faust.**

SIMON S. OSWALD, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Correll) Oswald, born near Jacksonville, Pa., Apr. 24, 1856; married Sophia Wilhelmina Kleppe, born in Washington Township, Brown Co., Kansas, Oct. 9, 1877, daughter of Justus and Margaret Jane (Dorssom) Kleppe. He is Reformed, and a farmer. They live at Willis, Brown Co., Kansas, and have three children:

1. **Henry McKinley Oswald.**
2. **Grant Samuel Oswald.**
3. **Iva Oswald.**

MARY OSWALD, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Correll) Oswald, born near Jacksonville, Pa., Feb. 20, 1861; d. June 21, 1928; married William A. Evans, born in Slatington, Pa., June 21, 1870, son of William J. and Amanda (Bartholomew) Evans. She was Reformed. They lived in Slatington, Pa. No issue.

ALVENA OSWALD, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Correll) Oswald, born near Jacksonville, Pa., May 30, 1866; d., buried on Union Cemetery, Slatington, Pa.; married Oscar David Kistler, born in Lynn Township, Aug. 19, 1870, d. Mar. 21, 1928. She was Reformed. They lived in Slatington, Pa., and had two children:

1. **Regina V. Kistler,** b. May 31, 1892; d. Aug. 16, 1892.
2. **Hattie E. Kistler,** b. Jan. 9, 1891; (m. Raymond Thomas, and they have one son).

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SOLOMON R. OSWALD, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Reitz) Oswald, born on the old Oswald homestead, near Jacksonville, Pa., Aug. 12, 1827; d. Aug. 24, 1909, buried at the Jacksonville Church; married Elizabeth Smith, born near Jacksonville, Pa., Apr. 20, 1830, d. Oct. 21, 1909, buried at Jacksonville Church, daughter of Joshua and Lydia (Wagaman) Smith. He was Reformed and a farmer. They lived on their farm which he acquired from his father out of his large estate near Jacksonville, Pa., and had ten children, of which two died in infancy:

1. **Sarah Oswald,** (m. Amandus Schellhammer, whose children are: **Charles, Monroe, William Oliver, Amandus Sylvester, Clinton Solomon, Elmer Ellsworth** and **Cora Kate Elizabeth.**)
2. **William Oswald,** unmarried.

3. **Carolina Oswald,** (m. John Wuchter, son of Moses G. and Mary A. (Hermany) Wuchter, whose children are: **Edgar Charles, Francis S., Albert Moses, Mamie Elizabeth** and **Hattie Matilda**).

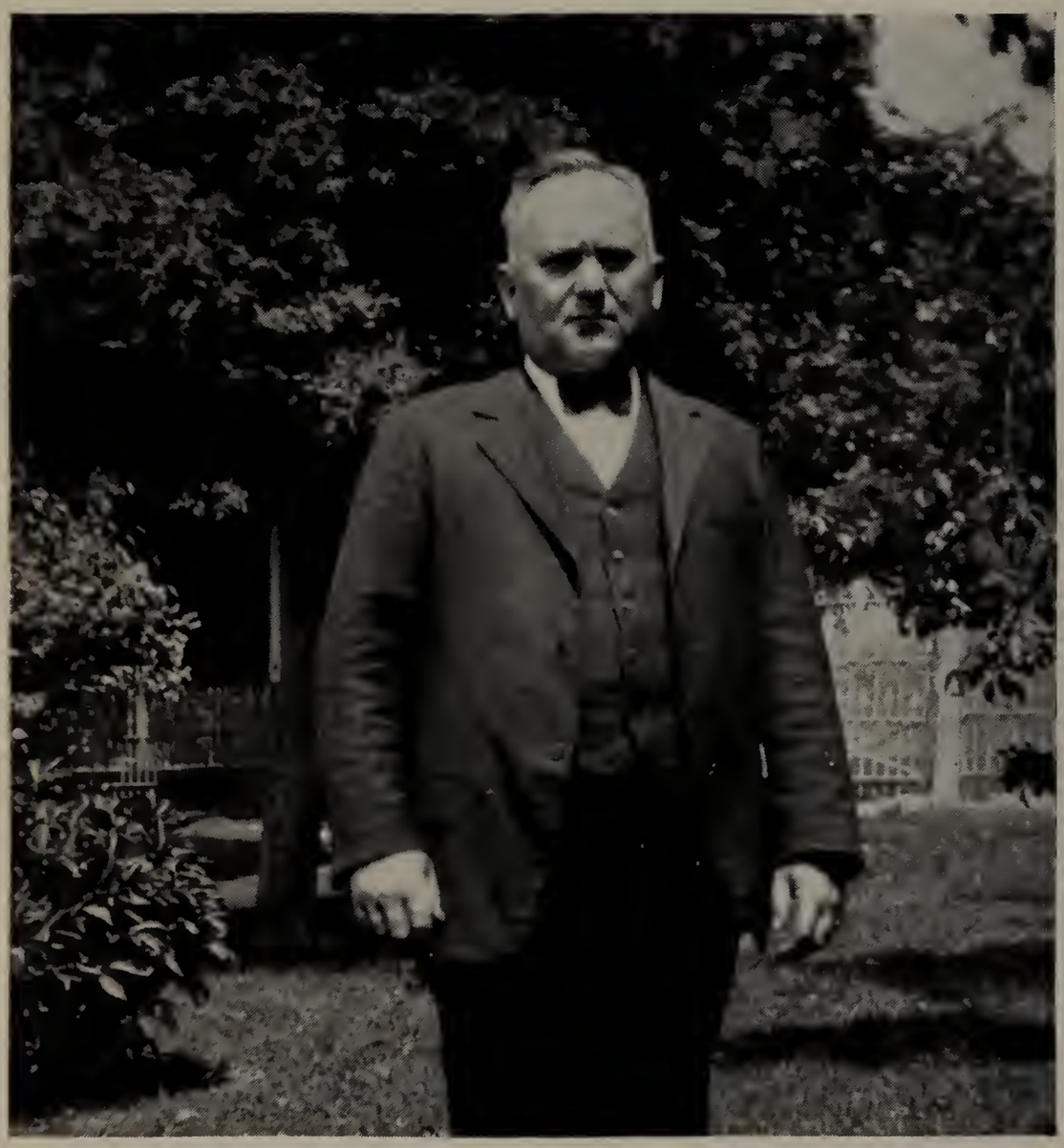
4. **Elenora Oswald,** (m. Charles Hartman, son of Samuel and Sarah (Levan) Hartman, whose children are: **Howard Clinton, Edward Solomon, Charles Samuel, Eugene Milton, Harry LeRoy** and **Paul Oliver**).

5. **Amanda E. Oswald,** (m. Elmer Hermany, son of Lewis F. and Sarah (Lutz) Hermany, whose children are: **Solomon L., Charles E., Robert A., George W., Hattie J.** and **Annie A.**).

6. **Leietta Oswald,** unmarried.

7. **John Oswald,** d. young.

8. **Charles O. Oswald,** born May 20, 1875, (m. Mar. 11, 1910, Annie V. Donat, daughter of James A. and Victoria (Lutz) Donat, their children are: **Paul, Arlene** and **Erna**).



CHARLES E. SNYDER
Undertaker, of New Tripoli, Pa.

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MABEL D. (KRAUSS) SNYDER
Wife of Charles E. Snyder, of New Tripoli, Pa.

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PART X

Catharine Reitz Steiger

of near Lehighton, Pa.,

and her Descendants,

Daughter of

Lawrence Reitz

of near Lynnport, Pa.

Who was the Son of

Pioneer Johan Friedrich Reitz

CATHARINE REITZ, daughter of Lawrence and Catharine (Hess) Reitz, born at the old Lawrence Reitz homestead east of Lynnport, Pa., June 28, 1800; d. June 27, 1870, buried at St. John's Church in Mahoning Valley, about three miles west of Lehighton, Pa., where a tombstone marks her grave as Catharine Stoyer; married Peter Steiger (sometimes spelled Stoyer) who is buried at Dunkels Church near Dreibelbis, Berks Co., Pa., They lived on a small farm about two miles west of Lehighton, Pa. and raised a family of four children:

1. **Mary Ann Steiger,** m. Nathan Rabenold.
2. **Persena Steiger,** m. John Follweiler.
3. **Brigitta Steiger,** m. Noah Rehrig.
4. **Polly Steiger,** m. Jacob J. Oswald.

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MARY ANN STEIGER, daughter of Peter and Catharine (Reitz) Steiger, of near Lehighton, Pa.; married Nathan Rabenold. They lived on a farm in the Mahoning Valley, near Lehighton, Pa., and had eleven children:

1. **Medina Rabenold,** b. 1849; d. 1904.
2. **Maria Rabenold,** d. young (about five years old).
3. **Emaline Rabenold,** d. young, buried at Dunkels Church.
4. **Catharine Rabenold,** b. 1844.
5. **Mary Rabenold,** d. young (10 years old).

6. **Eliza Rabenold,** (m. Rudolph Rumple, live at Omaha, Neb.)
7. **Allen Rabenold,** d. young, (3 years old).
8. **Henrietta Rabenold.**
9. **Caroline Rabenold.**
10. **Charles Rabenold.**
11. **Emma Rabenold.**

MEDINA RABENOLD, daughter of Nathan and Mary Ann (Steiger) Rabenold, of near Lehighton, Pa., born 1849; d. 1904; married Samuel Fisher and they had three children:

1. **Malon E. Fisher,** b. 1874.
2. **Cordie Fisher.**
3. **Mamie Fisher.**

MAHLON E. FISHER, son of Samuel and Medina (Rabenold) Fisher, born 1874; married Cora Gehrhard (d.) lives at Lehigh Gap, Washington Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., and has four children:

1. **Irvin,** of Lehigh Gap, (m. Esta Bear, have children **Helen, Elizabeth** and **May**).
2. **Mamie,** of Allentown, Pa., (m. Andrew Fisher, have son **George**).
3. **Violet,** of Allentown, Pa., (m. Mr. Ferrel, have daughter, **Maud**).
4. **William,** of Allentown, Pa.

CORDIE FISHER, daughter of Samuel and Medina (Rabenold) Fisher; married William Ster-

ling, live at Hazleton, Pa., and have seven children: **Edith, Eddie, Samuel, Howard** (d)., **William, Herman** and **Emery.**

MAMIE FISHER, daughter of Samuel and Medina (Rabenold) Fisher, lives at Spring City, Pa.; m., 1st., Francis Sandel (d.), have children: **Annie** (m. a Miller), **Beulah** (m. a Kemmerer), and **William** (d.). She m. 2nd., Joseph Sterling, and have son **Joseph.**

CATHARINE RABENOLD, daughter of Nathan and Mary Ann (Steiger) Rabenold, born 1844; married Charles Nothstine (d.). She lives in Lehighton, Pa., aged 85 years, and has eleven children:

1. **Mary Jane Nothstine,** (m. Andrew Smith, (d.), Lehighton, Pa.).
2. **Charles Nothstine,** (m. Ida Ebert, live in Lehighton, Pa.).
3. **Sallie Nothstine,** (m. Milton Herb, live in Lehighton, Pa.).
4. **William Nathan Nothstine,** (m. Annie Webb, live on a farm at Peifley's Corner, east of Weissport, Pa.).
5. **Emma Nothstine,** (d.) (m. a Buchman).
6. **Carrie Nothstine,** (d.), m. Frank Guldner (d.).
7. **Oscar Oliver Nothstine,** (m. Maud Rose, live at Harridy, east of Weissport, Pa.).
8. **Pierce Nothstine,** lives at Lehighton, Pa.

9. **Sophia Nothstine,** (m. William F. Greenawald, son of Elias S. Greenawald (d.) and wife Ellen Jane (daughter of Jacob J. and Polly Steiger Oswald). See record elsewhere.

10. **James Nothstine,** lives at Lehighton, Pa.

11. **Edwin Nothstine,** lives at Lehighton, Pa.

HENRIETTA RABENOLD, daughter of Nathan and Mary Ann (Steiger) Rabenold; married Charles Haupt, lived at Lehighton, Pa., and had nine children:

1. **Sarah Haupt,** (m. Wilson Silfies, live at 418 Bridge St., Lehighton, Pa.).

2. **John Haupt,** lives in Mahoning Valley, two miles west of Lehighton, Pa.

3. **Robert Haupt,** lives in Mahoning Valley, one mile west of Lehighton, Pa.

4. **Harry Haupt,** lives on Ninth St., Lehighton, Pa.

5. **Howard Haupt,** lives on Peach Orchard, near Forest Inn.

6. **Edwin Haupt,** lives one mile west of Lehighton, Pa.

7. **William Haupt,** lives on Second St., Lehighton, Pa.

8. **Beulah Haupt,** (m. William Spoon, lives on Second St., Lehighton, Pa.).

9. **Helen Haupt,** (m. Raymond Simmer, live near pike west of Lehighton, Pa.).

CAROLINE RABENOLD, daughter of Nathan and Mary Ann (Steiger) Rabenold; married

Monroe Heiser, live at Lehighton, Pa., and have three children:

1. **Bertha Heiser,** (m. Charles Beltzer, live on Third St., Lehighton, Pa.).

2. **Sophia Heiser,** (m., 1st., John Frantz (d.); m., 2nd., — — has five children.

3. **Irvin Heiser.**

CHARLES RABENOLD, son of Nathan and Mary Ann (Steiger) Rabenold, d. at the age of 35 years; married Emma Trumbore; had two daughters, one of whom lives at Pike and Ninth Sts., Lehighton, Pa.

EMMA RABENOLD, daughter of Nathan and Mary Ann (Steiger) Rabenold; married Moses Dreisbach, live ½ mile west of Lehighton, Pa., and have children: **Nora, James** and **Eddie.**

Part X, Sec. 2.

PERSENA STEIGER (sometimes spelled Stoyer), daughter of Peter and Catharine (Reitz) Steiger, born in Lynn Township; d. 1858, buried at Jacksonville, Pa.; married John F. (Shoemaker John) Follweiler, born 1821, d. Oct. 19, 1886, buried at Jacksonville Church, son of Daniel and Rebecca (Straub) Follweiler. They lived near Jacksonville, Lehigh Co., Pa., and had seven children:

1. **James Wilson Follweiler,** b. Feb. 3, 1848; d. Apr. 7, 1929.

2. **John Follweiler,** b. 1850.

3. **William H. Follweiler,** b. Nov. 29, 1852; d. Jan. 9, 1923.

4. **Elizabeth Follweiler,** b. June 27, 1854.

5. **Jonas Wilson Follweiler,** b. Sept. 25, 1855; d. Nov. 8, 1880, buried at Jacksonville, Pa. Unmarried.

6. **Maria Follweiler,** (m. Michael Pfeifley).

7. **Catharine Follweiler,** d. young.

JAMES WILSON FOLLWEILER, son of John F. and Persena (Steiger) Follweiler, of Jacksonville, Pa., born near Jacksonville, Pa., Feb. 3, 1848; d. Apr. 7, 1929; married Apr. 30, 1874, Linda Fidelia Fink. They live at Youngstown, R. 2, Ohio, and had five children:

1. **Goldie Mabel Follweiler,** b. June 4, 1876.

2. **John Franklin Follweiler,** b. Jan. 7, 1880; d. May 8, 1920.

3. **Elbridge Gerry Follweiler,** b. Feb. 17, 1884.

4. **Albert James Follweiler,** b. Sept. 22, 1885; (m. June 27, 1916, Mary S. Measmer).

5. **Carl Alfred Follweiler,** b. Aug. 3, 1899; (m. Jan. 15, 1920, Frances Miller).

GOLDIE MABEL FOLLWEILER, daughter of James Wilson and Linda Fidelia (Fink) Follweiler, of Youngstown, R. 2, Ohio, born June 4, 1876; married May 14, 1896, John M. O'Brien. They have six children:

1. **Florence June O'Brien,** b. Nov. 25, 1896; d. Jan. 1, 1919; (m. Aug. 21, 1916, Ralph Kistler).
2. **Ralph Leo O'Brien,** b. Mar. 7, 1899; (m. Oct. 11, 1929, Mabel White).
3. **John Timothy O'Brien,** b. June 19, 1908.
4. **Margaret Catharine O'Brien,** b. Mar. 25, 1912.
5. **Randall James O'Brien,** b. Sept. 15, 1914.
6. **Elenora May O'Brien,** b. Oct. 7, 1917.

JOHN FOLLWEILER, son of John F. and Persena (Steiger) Follweiler, of Jacksonville, Pa., born in 1850; married June 4, 1881, Louisa Shick. They live at Great Bend, Pa., and have two children:

1. **Frank Follweiler,** unmarried.
2. **Iva Follweiler,** b. 1884; (m. Robert Bond, live on Conklin Ave., Binghampton, N. Y., and have one daughter).

WILLIAM H. FOLLWEILER, son of John F. and Persena (Steiger) Follweiler, of Jacksonville, Pa., born Nov. 29, 1852; d. Jan. 9, 1923; married Mar. 11, 1884, Ida M. Osborne; d. Jan. 22, 1921. They lived at Hubbard, R. 3, Ohio, and had three children:

1. **Irma E. Follweiler,** b. Nov. 2, 1884, 85 East Philadelphia Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.
2. **John A. Follweiler,** b. Aug. 11, 1887; (m. Oct. 8, 1919, Neva L. Fishel), Canfield, Ohio.

3. **Cora M. Follweiler,** b. Dec. 18, 1891; (m. June 11, 1911, George W. Shonce, whose children are: **Mildred E. Shonce,** b. May 16, 1912, and **Mary L. Shonce,** b. July 7, 1914). They live at Hubbard, R. 3, Ohio.

ELIZABETH FOLLWEILER, daughter of John F. and Persena (Steiger) Follweiler, born June 27, 1854, at Jacksonville, Pa.; married William Berk, d. She lives at Allentown, Pa. They had nine children:

1. **Emma Berk,** d.; (m. Schutt).
2. **Ellen Berk,** (m. Claude Brong, 625 Gordon St., Allentown, Pa.).
3. **George Berk,** d.
4. **Katie Berk,** (m. Edwin Gildner, 419 North Sixth St., Allentown, Pa.).
5. **Mary G. Berk,** b. Jan. 25, 1882.
6. **Charles A. Berk,** 533 Liberty St., Allentown, Pa.
7. **Henry A. Berk,** d.
8. **Sarah Ida Berk,** d.
9. **Anna Nevada Berk,** d.

MARY G. BERK, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Follweiler) Berk, born at Ringtown, Pa., Jan. 25, 1882; married Apr. 25, 1905, George E. Guth, d. Dec. 7, 1914. She married, 2nd., July, 1926, Milton B. Glase. They are Reformed, and live at 725 Green St., Allentown, Pa.

Part X, Sec. 3.

BRIGITTA STEIGER, daughter of Peter and Catharine (Reitz) Steiger; married Noah Rehrig. They lived in East Penn, and had children:

1. **Edwin.**
2. **Frank.**
3. **James.**

JAMES REHRIG, son of Noah and Brigitta (Steiger) Rehrig; married a Mulharent, lived at Slatedale, Pa., and had four children:

1. **Allen Rehrig,** (m. Mamie Smith, daughter of William and —— (Stahley) Smith, live at Slatedale, Pa.).
2. **Emmitt Rehrig,** (m. Mabel Roberts, daughter of Frank Roberts, live at Slatedale, Pa.).
3. **Morgan Rehrig,** lives in New Jersey.
4. **Dewey Rehrig,** lives in Allentown, Pa.

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POLLY STEIGER (Stoyer), daughter of Peter and Catharine (Reitz) Steiger (Stoyer), born Nov. 8, 1832; d. May 6, 1911; married Jacob J. Oswald, born in Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., Dec. 7, 1827, d. Aug. 4, 1881, buried at Great Bend, Pa., son of Jacob (son of John and Anna Maria Mosser Oswald) and Polly (Everett) Oswald, of Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa. They lived formerly at Jacksonville, Pa., and last at Great Bend, Pa., and had five children:

1. **William G. Oswald,** b. Dec. 28, 1854.
2. **Samuel P. Oswald,** b. Mar. 27, 1857; d. June 22, 1879.
3. **Milton J. Oswald,** b. Dec. 13, 1859; d. May 1860.
4. **Ellen Jane Oswald,** b. Dec. 13, 1850.
5. **Hannah V. Oswald,** d. young.

WILLIAM G. OSWALD, son of Jacob J. and Polly (Steiger) Oswald, born at Jacksonville, Pa., Dec. 28, 1854; married Emaline S. Arndt, born July 11, 1853, d. Mar. 17, 1924, daughter of William and Caroline (Shoemaker) Arndt, of Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa. He is Lutheran, retired farmer, and lives at Vestal, Broome Co., N. Y. They had three children:

1. **Clinton Oswald,** b. Oct. 19, 1874, at Jacksonville, Pa.; d. Mar. 3, 1875.
2. **Celites (Lettie) Oswald,** b. Apr. 26, 1877.
3. **Jacob C. Oswald,** b. May 29, 1881; d. Dec. 25, 1905.

CELITES (LETTIE) OSWALD, daughter of William G. and Emaline S. (Arndt) Oswald, of Vestal, N. Y., born at Great Bend, Pa., Apr. 26, 1877. She is Lutheran, graduate of Great Bend, Pa., High School, 1898; married William Kunkle, born June 22, 1872, son of Levi and Julia (Holenbach) Kunkle, of Kistler's Valley, Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa. They live at Vestal, Broome Co., N. Y., and have one child:

Bertha M. Kunkle, b. Mar. 11, 1900.

BERTHA M. KUNKLE, daughter of William and Celites (Lettie) Oswald Kunkle, born at Binghampton, N. Y., Mar. 11, 1900; married William Horan, son of Timothy and Jane (Doud) Horan, of Vestal, N. Y. She is Lutheran, and they have one child:

Mildred Horan, b. May 22, 1917.

JACOB C. OSWALD, son of William G. and Emaline S. (Arndt) Oswald, of Vestal, N. Y., born at Great Bend, Pa., May 29, 1881; d. Dec. 25, 1905; lost his life in a railroad accident at Centralia, Ill. He was Lutheran, a barber and unmarried.

SAMUEL P. OSWALD, son of Jacob P. and Polly (Steiger) Oswald, born Mar. 27, 1857; d. June 22, 1879, buried at Jacksonville Church; married Alice Ely, daughter of Penn Ely, of Steinsville, Pa. They lived at Jacksonville, Lehigh Co., Pa., and had two children:

1. **Carrie Oswald,** b. 1876; d. 1877.
2. **Jacob P. Oswald,** b. Dec. 28, 1878.

JACOB P. OSWALD, son of Samuel P. and Alice (Ely) Oswald, born at Jacksonville, Pa., Dec. 28, 1878; married Hannah Witte. They live at 1008 North Eighth St., Reading, Pa., and have six children:

1. **Ralph Oswald,** b. Apr. 2, 1901; d. Feb. 20, 1902.

2. **Eva Oswald,** b. Jan. 18, 1903; (m. Arthur Boggott, live at 1100 North Tenth St., Reading, Pa.).

3. **Charles Oswald,** b. June 16, 1909.

4. **Howard Oswald,** b. Nov. 4, 1910.

5. **Alice Oswald,** b. Sept. 10, 1913.

6. **Blanche Oswald,** b. June 17, 1918.

ELLEN JANE OSWALD, daughter of Jacob J. and Polly (Steiger) Oswald, born Dec. 13, 1850; married Elias S. Greenawald, of Jacksonville, Pa., born Sept. 15, 1844, d. Dec. 15, 1909, buried at Jacksonville, Pa. They lived near Jacksonville, Pa., and last near Kempton, Pa., and had three children:

1. **Rev. George G. Greenawald,** b. Dec. 11, 1870.

2. **William F. Greenawald,** b. May 2, 1875.

3. **Susan A. Greenwaald,** b. Apr. 2, 1873.

Ellen Jane Oswald's present address is Mertztown, R. F. D., Pa., care of Charles W. Fritz.

REV. GEORGE G. GREENAWALD, son of Elias S. and Ellen Jane (Oswald) Greenawald, of Jacksonville, Pa., born Dec. 11, 1870, at Jacksonville, Pa.; married May, 1903, Matilda C. Althouse. He graduated from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., 1896, Eastern Theological Seminary, 1899, and served his first charge at Sellersville, Pa., 1899 to 1903, then Millersburg, in Dauphin Co., Pa., 1903 to 1905, and since that time he is pastor of the Good Shepherd Reformed

Church, Boyertown, Pa. They live in Boyertown, Pa., and have five children:

1. **Esther Greenawald,** b. Apr. 2, 1904.
2. **Robert Greenawald,** b. Mar. 30, 1906.
3. **George G. Greenawald,** b. Nov. 21, 1907.
4. **Frederick Greenawald,** b. Jan. 11, 1913.
5. **Edward Greenawald,** b. Feb. 21, 1918.

WILLIAM F. GREENAWALD, son of Elias S. and Ellen Jane (Oswald) Greenawald, born May 2, 1875; married Sophia Nothstine, daughter of Charles and Catharine (Rabenold) Nothstine, of Lehighton, Pa., who was the daughter of Nathan Rabenold and his wife Mary Ann, daughter of Peter and Catharine (Reitz) Steiger. He is a farmer, and Reformed. They live at Lenhartsville, Pa., Berks Co., and have two children:

1. **Marguerite Pauline Greenawald,** b. June 11, 1901; (m. Mar. 1918, Percy Schlegel; their children are: **Pauline, Marie** and **Josephine**).
2. **Charles Elias Greenawald,** b. July 1, 1904.

SUSAN A. GREENAWALD, daughter of Elias S. and Ellen Jane (Oswald) Greenawald, born Apr. 2, 1873, (d.); married Lanceforth Peter, and they had two children:

1. **Eva Peter,** b. July 25, 1890; d. Jan. 10, 1912; (m. Charles W. Fritz, a florist at Topton, Pa. (Mertztown, R. F. D.), had one child, **Marion,** b. Nov. 20, 1910).
2. **Frederick Peter,** b. Jan. 12, 1892; has one child, **Frederick,** b. Oct. 22, 1918.

PART XI

HEINRICH REITZ

of near Allentown, Pa.,

and his Descendants,

Son of

Pioneer Johan Friedrich Reitz

HEINRICH REITZ, (known also as Johann Henrich and Henry Reitz), son of Pioneer Johan Friedrich and Anna Margaret (Steigerwald) Reitz, born at Flörsbach, Gelnhausen District, in the Province of Hessen-Nassau, Germany, on Feb. 12, 1747. The official church record of the Kempfenbrunn and Flörsbach Lutheran Parish, then in the Province of Hanau, but now in the District of Gelnhausen, Province of Hessen-Nassau, Germany, contains the following: "On Feb. 12, A.D., 1747, a son was born, and baptized on the same day, to Johann Friedrich Reitz, church member and mason of Flörsbach, and his housewife Anna Margaretha, a born Steigerwald. The sponsor was Johann Henrich Sang, son of Joh. Peter Sang, Herrschafftl. Hofjaegers of Meerholz, who, on account of his youth, was represented by Johannes Steigerwald, brother of the child's mother, and was given the name Johann Henrich." The same official records also state that his father, Johann Friedrich Reitz, with his wife, Anna Margaretha, and one son (Johann Henrich) emigrated in 1748 from Flörsbach to Pennsylvania. On Sept. 7, 1748, they landed at Philadelphia, Pa., as the Penna. Archives verify. His father settled later at the Little Cedar Creek, near what is now Allentown, Pa., where he engaged in farming and as a stone mason, his trade, which trade his son Heinrich also learned.

Heinrich Reitz's parents were strict Christians and he was early instructed in the church, as the

church records of Jerusalem Lutheran and Reformed Church, in Western Salisbury Township, near Allentown, Pa., show. The church was then commonly known as "Schmalz Gass Church," and contains the following record: "1760 Confirmed in Schmalz Gass, by Rev. Daniel Schumacher:

Heinrich Reitz
Michael Hittell
Anna Barbara Hittellen
Catharine Hitteln
Magdalena Herrn
An Christin Mauern."

Note that "n" is added to the girls' names to denote feminine gender.

Heinrich Reitz married Magdalena Herr, daughter of Peter Herr, a neighbor and large farmer. They worshipped in Jerusalem Lutheran Church, about a mile south of Allentown, Pa. She died Aug. 28, 1823, and is buried in the church cemetery at the same church, where her tombstone has the following inscription:

"Hier ruhet
MAGDALENA REITZ
Sie wurde geboren
im Jahr 1745
und starb den 28ten
August im Jahr
1823
in dem Alter von
78 Jahren."

Heinrich Reitz's father, Pioneer Johan Friedrich Reitz, died in 1763, and, being left a minor,

he chose Adam Gable as his guardian. He lived at the Little Cedar Creek, in Whitehall Township, Northampton, Co. now Lehigh Co., Pa., a short distance northwest of where Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., now stands, where he became a large land owner, said to have been 1000 acres. He secured his father's land and in 1768, he was assessed 80 acres, 1 horse, 1 cow, of which 15 acres were cultivated. The following are extracts from Penna. Archives, 3rd. Ser. ,Vol. XIX, of the assessment of Henry Reitz, in Whitehall Township, Northampton Co., Pa.:

P. 17, 1772, Henry Reitz, fa'r tax 1. 12. 0.

P. 128, 1785, Henry Reitz, 100 a. 2 h. 2 c. 16. 3

P. 222, 1786, Henry Reitz, 100 a. 2 h. 2c. 16. 10

P. 319, 1788, Henry Reitz, Mason, 100 a, 1h. 2 c. 15. 0.

In 1812 Henry Reitz is yet in assessment list.

On Mar. 11, 1794, Henry Reitz purchased the celebrated "Springwood Plantation" of 154½ acres at the Little Cedar Creek, for 957 Pounds and 18 Shillings, which had been owned by Lynford Lardner, Keeper of the Great Seal of the Province of Pennsylvania, which is now (1930) in the possession of Gen. Harry C. Trexler, who has there a park and summer villa and fish dams,—a deed for which is recorded at Easton in Deed Book B, Vol. 2, p. 84, June 21, 1794, which deed is in the possession of Gen. Harry C. Trexler. From said deed the following abstracts are made: "This Indenture made Mar. 11, 1794, Between John Lard-

ner, Esquire, and Margaret his wife, William Lardner, Gent., Frances Lardner and Hannah Lardner, both Spinsters, all of Phil. Co., of the one part, and Henry Reitz, of Whitehall Township, Northampton Co., of the other part. Whereas Lynford Lardner, Esquire, the father of the above-named, possessed of divers Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments and more especially of two contiguous Plantations and Lands in the County of Northampton aforesaid called Grousehall and the Grange—and the said Plantation called Springwood—for 957 pounds and 18 shillings—have granted—sold to Henry Reitz—containing 154½ Acres. 16¼ Acres of which said tract was surveyed to the said Lynford Lardner on a warrant June 27, 1753, and the remainder in part of the Tract of 305¼ Acres which by patent under the great Seal dated Sept. 26, 1750, recorded at Phil. in Patent Book A, Vol. 14, pa. 633, was granted and confirmed unto the said Lynford Lardner in fee and was then said to be in Bucks County. Together if found necessary for (with the liberty) watering the meadow on the hereby granted premises to Dam the water of the Cedar Creek as high as a stone now standing in said creek near the small spring between the line and William Lohr fence." In the aforenamed deed of 154½ a. other lands of Henry Reitz are named adjoining on the east.

On Apr. 1, 1797, Henry Reitz and his wife Magdalena conveyed by deed 122 Acres 123 Perches to Samuel Brobst, their son-in-law. On the same

date they conveyed by deed 104 Acres 137 Perches to Daniel Brobst, another son-in-law, for 1057 Pounds, 1 Shilling, 8 Pence. Recorded at Easton, Deed Book D, Vol. 2, p. 21. This latter is part of "Springwood Plantation," and about the middle Henry Reitz kept 10 Acres including the large spring and extending along the Little Cedar Creek down to the road. On this 10 Acre tract Gen. H. C. Trexler has a beautiful park, fish dams and a summer villa at the big spring. The names Brobst are sometimes spelled Probst.

Henry Reitz had erected and operated the first wool mill in this vicinity, which was later conducted for many years by his sons-in-law, Samuel and Daniel Brobst. He was also a stone mason and a farmer and a captain during the Revolution. In census 1790 Whitehall Township, Northampton Co., Henry Reitz is mentioned as 1 male of 16 y. and NO males under 16 y. and 5 females.

Henry Reitz's War Record:

He became captain of a company in the Revolutionary War, commanding mostly the Eighth Company (sometimes the 6th Co.) in the Second Battalion of the Northampton Co. Militia, under the command of Lieut. Col. Stephen Balliet.

His name is in muster rolls in the years, 1777, 1778, 1780, 1781, 1782. Reference is made in the Penna. Archives S. 5, V. VIII, where his name is found often throughout the book as Reitz, Ritz, Ritze, Keits, Kits, sometimes misspelled or erroneously transcribed as follows:

P. 103, May 21, 1777, 6th Co.

P. 545, Arms delivered Oct. 15, 1777 to Jan. 27, 1779.

P. 112, May 14, 1778, 6th Co.

P. 564, May 11, 13, 25, 1780, 8th. Co.

Page 590, 592, July 22, 1781, 8th. Co.

P. 42, Sept. 8, 1781, Muster Roll of Capt. Henry Reitz Company.

P. 60, Nov. 1, 1781—Jan. 1, 1782, 8th. Co.

In Penna. Arch. S. 5, V. IV, p. 663, Henry Reitz (Ritts) Captain, is found in Continental Line Soldiers of the Revolution.

In Penna. Arch. S. 5, V. IV, p. 302, Henry Reitz (Ritts) is listed in Continental Line Depreciation Pay.

Heinrich Reitz was a great patriot throughout the American Revolution and there are many official records of his deeds. He was one of many Pennsylvania Germans of what is now Lehigh County who bravely fought for American Independence, and who, as tradition has it, shouldered their guns, with the slogan "Nunner mit der Rothröck" (down with the redcoats), went over to New Jersey when they heard the British were coming through New Jersey, and fought them in guerrilla warfare. Many brave acts were never recorded officially. He probably participated in the battles of Long Island, Princeton, Monmouth and about Philadelphia. It was often related by old people that he was captain of a squad of soldiers accompanying and guarding Frederick Lieser, when

he hauled the Liberty Bell from Philadelphia to Allentown in September, 1777. Tradition has it that Capt. Heinrich Reitz, whose home was then near Allentown, Pa., knew Frederick Lieser well, who lived then near his uncle and brother in Lynn Township, and that when the Liberty Bell was to be removed from Philadelphia, he was instrumental in selecting him to haul it to Zion's Church in Allentown, near his home, for hiding it from the British.

Aug. 29, 1778, Henry Reitz bought at public sale of Henry and Peter Sell's Estate, under Forfeited Estates, Inventories and Sales, of Northampton Co. as follows:

Henry Reitz, a Wagon Cloth, £.1.

Henry Reitz, a Bed Case, d 10.

As recorded in Penna Arch. S. 6, V. IV, p. 435, on p. 374, is the Inventory of Confiscated Property of Henry and Peter Sell, Upper Saucon Township, June 17, 1778.

Henry Reitz paid the balance of store bill of his brother Jacob Reitz, contracted in 1785 with Peter Rhoads, Mar. 14, 1787, £. 2, s. 6, d. 9. The Store Book is in the possession of Charles Roberts 520 North Sixth St., Allentown. Henry Reitz's name appears also in said Peter Rhoads Store Book the last time 1802.

Henry Reitz's Will and Death:

He made his will Oct. 29, 1810, which was probated Feb. 21, 1814.

In his will he left 10 Acres and house and 5 Acres of woodland to his daughter Margaret, and that she is to keep him and his wife till death. At her death it was to be equally divided among his children Susanna, Elizabeth and the children of Eva (deceased). Samuel Brobst was named executor.

The last years of Henry Reitz and Magdalena his wife were spent with their daughter Margaret, and they lived in a house a short distance east of the Cedarville Lutheran and Reformed Church, in the hollow where the Little Cedar Creek flows over the old road, known as the Philadelphia Road. Henry Reitz probably died about the early part of 1814. (His grave and tombstone I have not found.—J. J. R.) Magdalena Reitz, his wife, died Aug. 28, 1823, and is buried at Jerusalem Church, Western Salisbury, where a tomstone marks her grave. Margaret Reitz, spinster, their daughter with whom they lived, died Jan. 18, 1855, and is buried at the Cedarville Lutheran and Reformed Church, where a tombstone marks her grave. Gen. H. C. Trexler owns the land where they lived last. (1930.)

Henry Reitz, born Feb. 12, 1747, son of Pioneer Joh. Friedrich and Anna Margaretha (Steigerwalt) Reitz, and his wife Magdalena born 1745, daughter of Peter and Margaret Herr, had the following five children:

1. **Susanna Reitz,** b. Dec. 19, 1768; d. Mar. 28, 1852; (m. Michael Brobst).

2. **Elizabeth Reitz**, (m. Samuel Brobst).

3. **Eva Catharine Reitz**, b. Feb. 23, 1773; d. Sept. 10, 1809; (m. Daniel Brobst).

4. **Peter Reitz**, b. May 7, 1775; baptized June 19, 1775, sponsors Peter Herr and wife Margaret, as recorded in Church Record of Jerusalem Church, near Allentown, Pa.

5. **Margaret Reitz**, b. Oct. 9, 1778; d. Jan. 18, 1855.

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SUSANNA REITZ, daughter of Henry (son of Johan Friederich) and Magdalena (Herr) Reitz, born at Little Cedar Creek near Allentown, Pa., Dec. 19, 1768; d. Mar. 28, 1852, buried at Jerusalem Church, near Wesnersville, Pa.; married Michael Brobst, born Dec. 31, 1770 d. Feb. 10, 1836, buried at Jerusalem Church, near Wesnersville, Pa. They lived on their farm in Kistlers Valley, near Wesnersville, Pa., were Lutheran, and had five sons and three daughters:

1. **Daniel Brobst**, lived in Kistlers Valley, Lehigh Co., Pa.

2. **John Brobst**, lived at Turbotsville, Northumberland Co., Pa.

3. **Jacob Brobst.**

4. **Michael Brobst**, lived at Milton, Pa.

5. **Samuel Brobst.**

6. **Elizabeth Brobst**, b. May 27, 1805; d. Apr. 2, 1865.

7. **Catharine Brobst.**
8. **Mary Brobst.**

DANIEL BROBST, son of Michael and Susanna (Reitz) Brobst, married Mary B. daughter of John F. and Lydia (Kistler) Brobst, lived in Kistlers Valley, Lehigh Co., Pa.; among their children were: **Perry,** Tiffin, Ohio; **Catharine** (m. John Schollenberger), Denver, Col.; **Louise,** (m. Levi Werley); **Sarah,** (m. Geo. Danner); **Mary,** (m. Jonas Wuchter).

SAMUEL BROBST, son of Michael and Susanna (Reitz) Brobst lived on a large farm between Trexlers and Wanamakers, Pa., whose children were: **William, David, Solomon, Henry** and **Joseph** (who with Rebecca Follweiler, daughter of Daniel and Magdalena (Stein) Follweiler had daughter Missouri Brobst, m. James Fusselman, whose children were: **George,** m. Stella Lutz, and **Kate,** m. Harvey Philips).

ELIZABETH BROBST, daughter of Michael and Susanna (Reitz) Brobst, born May 27, 1805; d. Apr. 2, 1865, buried at the New Tripoli Church; married David Schitz, born Oct. 14, 1802, d. Apr. 13, 1877, buried at New Tripoli Church, son of Heinrich and Elizabeth (Sechler) Shitz. They lived on their farm one mile south of Lynnport, Pa., which is now the homestead of their son-in-law William Harrison Reitz, and had nine children:

1. **Wilhelmina Schitz.**
2. **Elias Schitz.**
3. **Elizabeth Schitz,** b. Aug. 24, 1835; d. July 20, 1894.
4. **Edwin Schitz,** b. 1838; d. 1879.
5. **Sarah A. Schitz,** b. Nov. 27, 1840; d. Oct. 15, 1896.
6. **Brigitta Schitz,** b. Mar. 23, 1843; d. June 11, 1911.
7. **David Schitz,** b. Feb. 15, 1838; d. May 3, 1915.
8. **James B. Schitz,** b. July 25, 1847; d. Dec. 14, 1920.
9. **Levi B. Schitz.**

WILHELMINA SCHITZ, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Brobst) Schitz; married David Stein, lived on their farm near Lynnport, Pa., and had four daughters:

1. **Sarah Stein,** married William H. M. Schafer, lived at Walnutport, Pa., and had three children: **Ellen Jane** (has daughter **Mae**); **Emma** (m. Frank Kelchner and have children: **Violet, Stella, Verna Walter** and **Emma**); and **Florence** (m. Clifford Bonser).

2. **Mary Stein,** b. July 2, 1858; married Daniel Olewine, b. July 16, 1853, son of Daniel and Polly (Arnold) Olewine, of near Lynnport, Pa., live in Slatington, Pa., and have three children: **Annie,** b. June 13, 1880, (m. Charles D. Thomas, and had two children: **David,** d. in infancy, and

Walter); **Mabel,** b. 1885 (m. Elmer E. Engel and have son: **John O.,** b. 1913); and **Stella.**

3. **Ellen Stein,** married Allen Bloom, live in Bethlehem, Pa., and have children: **Florence, Minnie, Effie** (m. W. E. Beamer, druggist, Palmerton, Pa.); **Stanley,** and **Mae.**

4. **Alvena Stein,** married Calvin Oswald, lived in Allentown, Pa., and had children: **Harry, Charles** and **Howard.**

ELIAS SCHITZ, son of David and Elizabeth (Brobst) Schitz; m.; d., buried at Unionville Church, lived at New Tripoli, Pa., and had three children:

1. **Monroe Schitz,** married Lydia ——. No issue.

2. **Louise Schitz,** married Phaon German.

3. **Jerry Schitz,** married Jane Baer, live in Slatington, Pa., and have seven children: **Oscar** (m. Lizzie Kern); **Irvin** (d. young); **Zena** (m. Ira Rauch); **Lucian** (m. Margaret Jones); **Lawrence** (m. Alma Druckenmiller), and **Laura** (m. Russel Best).

ELIZABETH SCHITZ, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Brobst) Schitz, born Aug. 24, 1835; d. July 20, 1894, buried at New Triopli Church; married Benjamin Oswald, born near New Tripoli, Pa., Dec. 5, 1828, son of Benjamin and Dorothea (Lutz) Oswald. They lived on their farm two miles west of New Tripoli, Pa., and had five children:

1. **David T. Oswald,** b. Dec. 21, 1858; d., buried at New Tripoli Church; married Alice, daughter of Daniel and Lovinia (Fenstermaker) Smith; lived on their farm near New Tripoli, Pa.; their children are: **Esther E., Floyd T., Frederick C., Meda M.** and **Martha I.**

2. **Levi B. Oswald,** b. Oct. 24, 1861; d. Feb. 6, 1893, buried at New Tripoli Church; m. Rosa Emalina Reitz, daughter of John Andreas and Brigitta (Gildner) Reitz, (see record elsewhere).

3. **James A. Oswald,** b. Jan. 17, 1863; m. Tewillia M., daughter of William and Messina (Fink) Weaver, live on their farm near New Tripoli, Pa.; their children are: **Clayton F., Floyd B.** (d. infancy), **Jennie M. E., Abner H. C., Ida M., James W. C.** (d. infancy), **Arthur L.** and **Stanley L. G.**

4. **Alvena E. Oswald,** m. Clinton Bloom, have three children.

5. **Mary L. Oswald,** m. Albert Moose, live in Weisenberg Township. No issue.

EDWIN SCHITZ, son of David and Elizabeth (Brobst) Schitz, married Kate Kerschner, daughter of Jacob Kerschner, lived on their farm below Lynnport, Pa., had ten children:

Alvin A., Sarah E., Mary A. (m. Lewis J. Donat), **James, Jane, Alvena C.** (m. James Hartman), **Levi H., Amanda, Sylvester** and **Dr. Oliver J.**

SARAH A. SCHITZ, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Brobst) Schitz, b. Nov. 27, 1840; d. Oct. 15, 1896, buried at New Tripoli Church; married, 1st., David Reitz, born Feb. 10, 1840, d. May 3, 1864; and married, 2nd., Benjamin Reitz, born Feb. 22, 1829, d. Sept. 3, 1886; both are buried at New Tripoli Church. Her two husbands were sons of Jonas Reitz, Lynnport, Pa., who was the son of Lawrence, the son of Pioneer Johan Friederich Reitz. (See records elsewhere.)

BRIGITTA SCHITZ, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Brobst) Schitz, born Mar. 23, 1843; d. June 11, 1911, buried at New Tripoli Church; married William Harrison Reitz, born Oct. 31, 1842, d. June 27, 1930, son of Jonas Reitz, son of Lawrence, son of Pioneer Johan Friedrich Reitz. (See record elsewhere.)

DAVID SCHITZ, son of David and Elizabeth (Brobst) Schitz, married Catharine, daughter of Philip and Catharine (Werley) Kerschner, New Tripoli, Pa. They had four children:

1. **James Schitz,** m. and lives at Langraff, West Virginia.
2. **Amandus Schitz,** m. and lives at Northampton, Pa.
3. **Menoh Schitz,** m. daughter of James Peter and live at Northampton, Pa.
4. **Ida Schitz,** m. Thomas Hamm and live near Pleasant Corner (Jordan), Pa.

JAMES B. SCHITZ, son of David and Elizabeth (Brobst) Schitz; m. Rosa A. Schafer, lived in Allentown, Pa., and had three children:

1. **Paul Edwin,** (d. infancy).
2. **James**
3. **Mae,** (m. Elmer Weidner).

LEVI B. SCHITZ, son of David and Elizabeth (Brobst) Schitz, was a school teacher and farmer; married, and lived at Farmersville, Ill., and had one son and two daughters.

CATHARINE BROBST, daughter of Michael and Susanna (Reitz) Brobst, of Kistlers Valley; married Philip Brobst, lived in Kistlers Valley, and had four children, all buried at Jerusalem Church, near Wesnersville, Pa.:

1. **Daniel** ("Lame Daniel"), lived in Kistlers Valley, and had children: **Willoughby, Daniel** and **Ellen** (m. William Kistler, live in Kansas).
2. **Kate Brobst,** m. Abe Long.
3. **Sarah Brobst,** m. Samuel Brobst.
4. **Abigail Brobst,** m. Stephen Kistler, born Dec. 16, 1817; d. Mar. 13, 1874, lived in Kistlers Valley and had eight children: **Philip, William S., Mary, Albert, Jacob, Sarah** (m. Harry Stine), **Fianna** (m. Emanuel Seidel), and **Samuel** (m. Fianna Kelchner; their son, Rev. Samuel K. Kistler is pastor of a Lutheran Charge Northampton Co., Pa.).

WILLIAM S. KISTLER, son of Stephen S. and Abigail (Brobst) Kistler, born Nov. 15, 1840; d. Sept. 19, 1887; married Maria Grim, daughter of Reuben and Sarah (Wanner) Grim, lived on their farm in Kistlers Valley, and had eight children: **Dr. Jesse G., Elmer C.** (J.P.), **Rev. William U., Rev. Charles E., Stephen O., Mary** (m. Dr. A. F. Baver), **Sallie** and **Kathryn.**

DR. JESSE G. KISTLER, of Allentown, Pa., son of William S. and Mariah (Grim) Kistler, is a direct descendant of Capt. Heinrich Reitz, of Little Cedar Creek, near Allentown, Pa., a hero of the American Revolution, who probably was present at the Battles of Long Island, Princeton, Monmouth, etc., and with a squad of soldiers accompanied Frederick Lieser when he hauled the Liberty Bell from Philadelphia to Allentown, Pa., as often related.

His father, William S. Kistler, was the son of Stephen S. Kistler and his wife Abigail Brobst, who was the daughter of Philip Brobst and his wife Catharine Brobst, who was the daughter of Michael Brobst and his wife Susanna Reitz, who was the daughter of Capt. Heinrich Reitz, son of Pioneer Johan Friedrich Reitz.

Dr. Jesse G. Kistler was born in Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa., June 9, 1863. His father, who was a Civil War soldier, later owned and occupied the farm of his grandfather in Kistlers Valley, Lehigh Co., Pa., where he assisted his father,

attended public schools and also the New Tripoli Academy at New Tripoli, Lehigh Co., Pa., for two terms, (the first term taught then by the Principal, the late Alvin Rupp, later County Superintendent of the public schools of Lehigh County, and another term taught by the Principal Prof. J. J. Reitz, author and compiler of this History). He taught three terms in the public schools, graduated from the Baltimore, Md., Medical College, 1888, and located at Stony Run, Berks Co., Pa., where he practiced medicine seven years. In 1895 he moved to Germansville, Pa., where he conducted an extensive practice for twelve years, and was school director of Heidelberg Township seven years. In the spring of 1908 he moved to Allentown, Pa., where he practiced to date. He and his family are active members of St. Stephens Evan. Lutheran Church, Allentown, Pa., where he is a member of the Church Council, served also as Chairman of the Building Committee for last two churches, as well as treasurer of Church Council. He married, Apr. 20, 1889, Amelia Moser, d. Feb. 2, 1927, buried on Greenwood Cemetery, Allentown, Pa., daughter of William S. and Catharine (Dietrich) Moser. They had five children:

1. **William Walter Kistler,** b. Apr. 1, 1890; d. May 21, 1890.

2. **Maggie Hannah Kistler,** b. Jan. 23, 1891; d. Jan. 24, 1891.

3. **Katherine Mariah Kistler,** b. Apr. 14, 1894, a graduate of the East Stroudsburg, Pa.,

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State Teachers College, and School of Music of the New York University; at present engaged in teaching music in the Harrison and Morton Junior High School, Allentown, Pa., and lives with her father, m. July 3, 1930 Kenneth R. Hemmerly, of Bethlehem, Pa.

4. **Ruth Moser Kistler,** b. Nov. 26, 1903, was graduated at Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa., 1925, is now pursuing post-graduate work in the Department of History at Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, Pa.; is a teacher of History and Civics in the Central Junior High School, Allentown, Pa., and lives with her father.

5. **Effie Mildred Kistler,** b. Oct. 22, 1906, a graduate of Cedar Crest College, Allentown, Pa., 1928; is pursuing post-graduate work in the Department of History at Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, Pa.; is a teacher in the Roosevelt Junior High School, Allentown, Pa., and lives with her father.

Dr. Jesse G. Kistler has his home at 1615 Chew St., Allentown, Pa., where he and his daughters reside.

MARY BROBST, daughter of Michael and Susanna (Reitz) Brobst, born near Wesnersville, Pa.; married Jan. 9, 1832, Daniel Greenawald, born Sept. 24, 1803, d. Feb. 19, 1884, at Wesnersville, Pa., son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Feinour) Greenawald, of Weisenburg Township. They lived on a farm in Weisenburg, and had four children:

1. **Aaron Greenawald.**

2. **Julia Greenawald.**
3. **Mary Greenawald.**
4. **Sarah Ann Greenawald.**

AARON GREENAWALD, son of Daniel and Mary (Brobst) Greenawald, born Dec. 2, 1832 was killed July 3, 1863, at Gettysburg, Pa., while a Civil War soldier; had two sons, one of whom, **Lewis,** lived at Anoka, Minn.

JULIA GREENAWALD, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Brobst) Greenawald, born 1836, d. 1900; married Peter George, born in Lowhill, 1826, d. June 3, 1913, son of Peter and Rosina (Werley) George, was farmer and distiller of applejack near Bittners Corner, Pa., and they had five children:

1. **Sarah,** m. Wilson Peter.
2. **Alice,** m. E. A. Wilt.
3. **Frank P.**
4. **Menno,** m. Sarah A. Millhouse.
5. **Moses.**

FRANK P. GEORGE, son of Peter and Rosina (Werley) George, born June 17, 1860; m. 1878, Elvena Everett, of Lynn Township; they lived at Bittners Corner, Pa., and had four children: **Birdie,** (m. Albert Rauch); **Mamie,** m. (Granville Bachman); **Florence,** (m. Solon Newmoyer); and **Arthur.**

MOSES GEORGE, son of Peter and Rosina (Werley) George, married Agnes Peters; they lived

at Siegfrieds (Northampton), Pa., and are the parents of Rev. Moses George, a Reformed clergyman.

MARY GREENAWALD, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Brobst) Greenawald; married Allen Acker; d. 1898, son of Joseph and Mary (Neff) Acker, of Weisenburg; they lived on a farm in Weisenburg, and had twelve children, of whom four died young:

1. **Franklin,** m. Emma Werley, live at Catasauqua, Pa.
2. **Wilson Allen,** b. June 1, 1861; m. 1889, Alameda H. Schmick, hotel proprietor and farmer at Hynemansville, Pa.; had two children: **Martha,** (m. Frederick Sechler); and **Stella,** (m. Harvey Heffner).
3. **Sarah,** m. Edgar Woodring.
4. **Emma,** m. Wilbur Stettler.
5. **Levi,** m. Anna Creitz, lived at Seipstown, Pa.
6. **John,** m. Barbara Frey, lived at New Smithsville, Pa.
7. **Alvin,** m. Cora Werley, lived at New Smithsville, Pa.
8. **Edwin,** lived at Ballietsville, Pa.

SARAH ANN GREENAWALD, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Brobst) Greenawald, married Jan. 9, 1875, Frank Buchman, born in Lowhill, Apr. 10, 1844, son of Nathan and Polly (Hausman) Buchman. They engaged in farming, store and

hotel business and lived in Weisenburg, Werleys Corner, Pennsburg, and last in Allentown, and had two children:

1. **John,** d. in infancy.

2. **Rev. Frank N. G. Buchman,** b. at Pennsburg, Pa., June 4, 1878; graduated from Muhlenburg College, 1899; graduated from Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, 1902. He served the Church of the Good Shepherd, Overbrook, Philadelphia, founded the first Luther Hospice in America at Overbrook, in 1904; was house father of the Luther Hospice at Twentieth and Race Streets, Philadelphia; Secretary to the Young Men's Christian Association at the Penn State College, engaged in Christian mission work in many colleges.

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ELIZABETH REITZ, daughter of Henry (son of Joh. Friederich Reitz) and Magdalena (Herr) Reitz, born near Allentown, Pa.; married Samuel Brobst, who purchased one of the farms of his father-in-law, Henry Reitz, on Apr. 1, 1797, consisting of 122 Acres and 123 Perches, near the Little Cedar Creek, northwest of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., where they lived and had children:

1. **Amelia,** (m. Uriah Brunner).
2. **Catharine,** (m. Mr. Neligh).
3. **George,** b. 1802; d. young.

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EVA CATHARINE REITZ, daughter of Henry (son of Joh. Friederich Reitz) and Magdalena (Herr) Reitz, born near Allentown, Pa., Feb. 25, 1773; d. Sept. 10, 1809, buried at Jerusalem Church in Salisbury Township, near Allentown, Pa.; married Daniel Brobst, born Aug. 15, 1777, d. Feb. 28, 1854, and is buried on the old graveyard situate on the farm which belonged formerly to Henry Reitz and later to Daniel Brobst, near the Lutheran and Reformed Church, at Cedarville, Pa. On Apr. 1, 1797, Daniel Brobst purchased from his father-in-law, Henry Reitz, part of the "Springwood Plantation," at the Little Cedar Creek, near Allentown, Pa., consisting of 104 Acres 137 Perches; which is now in the possession of Gen. Harry C. Trexler, where he has made a beautiful park. Daniel and Eva Catharine (Reitz) Brobst lived there and had seven children:

1. **Jacob,** m. Anna Maria Knerr.

2. **Henry,** lived in Mercer Co., Pa., and had son, **George.**

3. **George,** b. Aug. 13, 1799; a bachelor.

4. **Rebecca,** b. Oct. 15, 1806; m. George Sanders.

5. **Hannah,** m. Alvin Hunt, had one daughter, (m. Samuel Hen).

6. **Polly,** m. Mr. Kemp; went west.

7. **Elizabeth,** m. a Mr. Hammel, have a granddaughter **Alice Gaumer,** living at Urbana, Ohio.

JACOB BROBST, son of Daniel and Eva Catharine (Reitz) Brobst, born near Allentown, Pa.; married Anna Maria Knerr, and they had four children:

1. **Abigail,** m. Levi Knerr.
2. **Matilda,** m. Benjamin Craig.
3. **Amos,** d. in infancy.
4. **William,** d. in infancy.

ABIGAIL BROBST, daughter of Jacob (son of Daniel and Eva Catharine (Reitz) Brobst) and Anna Maria (Knerr) Brobst, born Apr. 7, 1822; d. Nov. 24, 1903; married in 1840, Levi Knerr, born at Claussville, Pa., June 27, 1817, d. Feb. 20, 1908, son of John Conrad and Mary Gertrude (daughter of Rev. John Henry Helffrich) Knerr; both are buried in the private cemetery at the Knerr homestead, Claussville, Pa. They had six children, of which three died in infancy:

1. **Richard Johnson Knerr,** son of Levi and Abigail (Brobst) Knerr, b. Sept. 21, 1842; married, 1st., Louisa Lentz, d. Nov. 9, 1866. No issue. Married, 2nd., Elemina Lentz, and they have two children: **Wilbur J.,** b. Nov. 29, 1867, (m. Laura V. Henninger, have two children: **Hilda** and **Ralph J.**); **Lillie L.,** (m. Jesse K. Ziegler).

2. **Dr. Calvin B. Knerr,** son of Levi and Abigail (Brobst) Knerr, homeopathic physician in Philadelphia, Pa., graduated at Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1869; married the daughter of Constantine Herring, who was Presi-

dent of the first Homeopathic Medical College in the world, at Allentown, Pa., from 1835 to 1842; he has three sons, of which two are physicians.

3. Dr. Levi Knerr, son of Levi and Abigail (Brobst) Knerr is a physician in Philadelphia, Pa.

MATILDA BROBST, daughter of Jacob (son of Daniel and Eva Catharine (Reitz) Brobst) and Anna Maria (Knerr) Brobst, born near Allentown, Pa., 1824; married Benjamin Craig, born 1822, d. Jan. 10, 1861, son of Charles Craig, son of Maj. Gen. Thomas Craig, of Revolutionary War fame; they lived in Allentown, Pa., and had two children:

1. Charles J., son of Benjamin and Matilda (Brobst) Craig, married Ellen Butz and had six children: **Ralph, Harry, Bertha, Edward,** (d. 1904); **Charles** and **Robert.**

2. Mary Alice, daughter of Benjamin and Matilda (Brobst) Craig, married James B. Roeder, and had two children: **Frank C.,** (m. Caroline Helwig); and **Annie,** (m. Hector Tyndale Craig, son of Col. John and Emma (Insley) Craig, of Lehigh Gap, Pa.).

REBECCA BROBST, daughter of Daniel and Eva Catharine (Reitz) Brobst, born at the Little Cedar Creek, near Allentown, Pa., Oct. 15, 1806; married George H. Sanders (Xander); they lived on a farm in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., are both buried in Cedarville Cemetery, and had seven children:

1. **Rebecca**, m. Levi Eberhart, lived in Chicago, Ill.
2. **Amanda**, died young.
3. **Matilda Ann**, m. Rev. Calvin A. Bliem.
4. **Hannah**, m. Lweis H. Reinhard, South Allentown.
5. **Francis**, d. 1861, from shot in Civil War.
6. **Uriah**, d. Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
7. **Emma, H.** m. Harrison Bortz.

MATILDA ANN SANDERS, daughter of George and Rebecca (Brobst, daughter of Daniel and Eva Catharine Reitz Brobst) Sanders, born at Cedarville, Pa., May 23, 1837; married Jan. 2, 1855, Rev. Calvin A. Bliem, born Apr. 9, 1833, d. May 14, 1911. They lived last in Allentown, Pa. No issue.

HANNAH SANDERS, daughter of George and Rebecca (daughter of Daniel and Eva Catharine (Brobst) Reitz, born in South Whitehall Township; married Lweis H. Reinhard, born Oct. 8, 1835, son of Henry and Catharine (Biery) Reinhard. They lived in South Allentown, Pa., and had three sons: **George H. T., Rev. Milton U.**, and **Henry.**

1. **George H. T. Reinhard**, son of Lewis H. and Hannah (Sanders) Reinhard, born Mar. 17, 1865; married Margaret Gardner, had five children: **Lewis, Ida, Arthur, Stanford** and **Lizzie.**

2. **Rev. Milton U. Reinhard**, son of Lewis H. and Hannah (Sanders) Reinhard, born Aug. 12,

1866, in Salisbury Township; graduated at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., 1896; graduated at Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., 1899; served congregations in Dauphin County and Lancaster County, Pa.; married Aug. 8, 1899, Sallie S. Bowen, daughter of John A. and Emaline (Kline) Bowen, of Allentown, Pa. They lived last in Allentown, and had three children: **John, B.** b. Jan. 30, 1903; **Hannah B.**, b. Sept. 6, 1904; and **Paul B.**, b. Dec. 1, 1913.

3. **Henry Reinhard**, son of Lewis H. and Hannah (Sanders) Reinhard, born Sept. 20, 1868; married Elizabeth Strunk.

EMMA H. SANDERS, daughter of George and Rebecca (daughter of Daniel and Eva Catharine (Reitz) Brobst) Sanders, born in South Whitehall Township, Jan. 13, 1850; d. Jan. 27, 1929; married Aug. 24, 1867, Harrison Bortz, born in South Whitehall Township, Nov. 15, 1844, d. 1927, son of Owen and Hannah (Wenner) Bortz. They lived in Allentown, Pa., and had four children: **Ulysses Cassius, Oliver F., Harrison O.** and **Lillie,** (m. William L. Guth).

1. **Ulysses Cassius Bortz**, son of Harrison and Emma H. (Sanders) Bortz, born Dec. 1, 1867; married July 1, 1890, Susan W. Wieder, daughter of Tilghman and Mary Amelia (Seifert) Wieder, of Emaus. They live in Allentown, and have four children: **Ruth,** and three died in infancy, **Florence, Helen** and **May.**

2. **Oliver F. Bortz**, son of Harrison and Emma H. (Sanders) Bortz, born 1871; married Gertrude M. Good, daughter of Preston and Hannah J. Good. They live in Allentown and their children are: **Bessie G., Clifford** and **Madeline A.**

3. **Harry O. Bortz**, son of Harrison and Emma H. (Sanders) Bortz, born Nov. 18, 1878; married 1903, Catharine M. Kline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Kline. They live in Allentown and their children are: **Mae Erline, Harry Donald** and **J. Homer.**

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MARGARET REITZ, daughter of Henry and Magdalena (Herr) Reitz, of Little Cedar Creek, near Allentown, Pa., born at Little Cedar Creek, Oct. 9, 1778; d. Jan. 18, 1855, buried on the church cemetery of the Lutheran and Reformed Church, Cedarville, Pa., where a tombstone marks her grave near the church. She was the first buried in said cemetery. She lived a short distance east of Cedarville Church on the Philadelphia Road, at the Little Cedar Creek, where her father had willed her a house with ten acres of land and five acres of woodland, the conditions being that she should keep her parents till death. The property contained the large spring and is now in the possession of Gen. Harry C. Trexler, where he has a summer villa, fish dams and a beautiful park.

PART XII

JACOB REITZ

Son of

Pioneer Johan Friedrich Reitz

JACOB REITZ, son of Johan Friederich Reitz and his wife Anna Margaretha, nee Steigerwalt, was born Mar. 8, 1759, and baptized Apr. 8, 1759, by Rev. Daniel Schumacher, the sponsors being Jacob Gansler and Anna Mear. His baptismal record is in the record book of Western Salisbury Church.

In 1785 he was taxed in Whitehall Township as single freeman.

During the Revolutionary War he was a private in the Northampton County Militia, as the Penna. Archives show, S. 5, V. VIII:

Page 309, Jacob Reitz, private, May 14, 1778, 4th Battalion.

Page 33, Jacob Reitz, private, May 31, 1781,1st Battalion.

Page 592, Jacob Reitz, private, substitute, July 22, 1781, 1st Battalion, 8th Co.

Page 66, Jacob Reitz, private, substitute, Apr. 2, 1782, 1st Battalion.

In Penna. Arch. S. 5, V. IV, Jacob Reitz, private, is mentioned in list of Continental Line Depreciation Pay of Northampton County on p. 342; and in list of Continental Line Soldiers of the Revolution of Northampton County, p. 663.

Research thus far has failed to trace exactly Jacob Reitz after 1785, although Mr. Wm. Dietrich believes he went up to Northumberland County to live with his uncle Johan George Reitz, and that after that date he was one of the Reitzes there. Tradition among the Reitzes of Lehigh County is

that he went off and disappeared. The following account of him is found in the store book of Peter Rhoads, of Allentown, in the possession of Charles Roberts:

"JACOB REITZ, DR.

	£ s. d.
1783, Aug. 28, To an ant of stripe	5–6
1785, May 5, 16 To Sundries	5–18–6
1785, Oct. 11 Ditto	15–9
1786, Nov. 21 To one year Interest 119/9	7–0
	6– 6–9
Contra	
1787, Jan. 10, By cash per Henry Reitz	4– 0–0
1787, Mar. 14 By Ditto	2– 6–9
	6– 6–9"

PART XIII

Elizabeth Reitz Schwander

of near Allentown, Pa.

Daughter of

Pioneer Johan Friedrich Reitz

ELIZABETH REITZ, daughter of Johan Friederich Reitz and Anna Margaretha, nee Steigerwalt, his wife, was born Jan. 21, 1749; died Jan. 15, 1831.

Elizabeth Reitz is mentioned in an old store book of Peter Rhoads, of Allentown, now in the hands of his descendant Charles R. Roberts, bought as follows:

		£ s. d.
May 1774,	An apron pattern	0– 9–6
	¼ yd. lawn	3–0
	2½ yds. tape	4
	thread	2
	1 paper pins	10
	bobbins	6
	1 leghorn hat	0– 4–6
	needles	2
	total	0–19–0

Elizabeth Reitz married Adam Schwander, son of Friederich Schwander, who emigrated to America in the ship Crown Aug. 30, 1749, (Penna. Arch. S. 2, V. XVII, p. 278), and who settled and lived a near neighbor of Joh. Friederich Reitz, where he took up land by warrants: 25 Acres, Aug. 9, 1753, and some land on Apr. 25, 1755, (Pa. Arch. S. 3, V. XXVI, p. 166, 167).

Adam Schwander, the husband of Elizabeth Reitz, served in the Northampton County Militia during the Revolutionary War as recorded in Penna. Arch. S. 5, V. VIII:

Page 38, Corporal under Capt. Henry Reitz, July 24, to Sept. 2, 1781.

Page 113, Corporal, 6th Company, Capt. Henry Reitz, 1778.

Page 592, In Capt. Reitz's 8th Company, July 22, 1781.

Page 594, Private in Capt. Adam Serfoos Company, in service of U. S., Sept. 22, 1781.

Page 599, under Capt. Adam Serfass, additional Pay Roll, Sept. 22–Nov. 22, 1781.

Also in Penna. Arch. S. 5. V, IV, Northampton County:

Page 350 Continental Line Depreciation Pay.

Page 495, Continental Line Depreciation Pay.

Page 668 Continental Line Soldiers of the Revolution.

Also in Penna. Arch. S. 3, V. XIX, Northampton County Federal Tax of Whitehall Township:

Page 223, 1786, Adam Schwander 200 a. 2 h. 2 c. Tax 1. 3. 11.

Page 319, 1788, Adam Schwander 200 a. 2 h. 2 c. Tax 1. 1. 7.

In census of 1790, Adam Schwander, of Whitehall Township, is enumerated 1 male above 16 y. 2 male under 16 y. 4 females.

In the old Allentown Cemetery midway between Linden and Turner Streets, near Twelfth Street, is the grave and tombstone of Elizabeth Reitz Schwander:

Zum
Andenken
an
ELIZABETH SCHWANDER
geborne Reitz
gattin von
JOH. ADAM SCHWANDER
Sie wurde geboren den 25
Janar 1749, starb den 15
Febar 1831, Ihr Alter
war 82 Jahre und 20
Tage.

At her side is the grave and tombstone of her daughter:

Zum
andenken
an
ELISABETH EARS
geborne Schwander
gattin von
JAMES EARS
Sie wurde geboren den 3
Augst 1782, starb den 2
Decbr 1833, Ihr Alter
war 51 Jahre, 3 M. und 29
Tage.

Near her grave in the next row is buried her son Heinrich, on whose tombstone is the following inscription:

Zum
Andenken
an
HEINRICH SCHWANDER
sohn von
JOH. ADAM & ELISABETH
SCHWANDER
Er war geboren den 2 Novbr
1791. Gestorben den 2 May
1829. Sein Alter war 37
Jahre u 6 Monate.

The tax list of Whitehall Township, for 1812, contains Adam Schwander, Estate, Jacob Schwander, and Adam Schwander, Jr. (Lehigh Co. History VI, p. 883).

The Lecha County Patriot for Nov. 2, 1859, contains an Executor's Notice of Sales of Lots, House and Barn, 4th and Chew Sts., Allentown, on Nov. 9, 1859, according to the will of Catharine Schwander by the Executor William Schwander.

In the old graveyard at Cedarville, a short distance east of the Lutheran and Reformed Cedarville Church, in the Southwest corner of the field formerly the property of Henry Reitz, Daniel Probst and now (1930) the park of Gen. H. C. Trexler, there is a tombstone with the following inscription:

Zum
Andenken
an
CATHARINA GLUCK
geborne Schwander
Gattin von
John Gluck
Sie wurde geboren den
18 April 1783, starb den
4 April 1850—war alt
66 Jahre 11 M & 16 Tage.

The Western Salisbury or Jersualem Lutheran and Reformed Church, which is about one mile southeast of Allentown contains the following baptismal record:

Child	Parents	Birth and Baptism	Sponsors
Rebecca (Probst)	Daniel Probst & wife Eva	b. Oct. 15, 1806 bap. Feb. 9, 1807	John Reitz & w. Magdalena
George (Reitz)	George Reitz & wife Saloma	b. Oct. 1, 1825 bap. Dec. 4, 1825	John Reitz & w. Magdalena

This shows that there was a John Reitz in 1807 and 1825, and a George Reitz in 1825 present in the vicinity of Allentown. (But I cannot now, 1930, trace their descent or family connection.—J. J. R.)

APPENDIX I.

TROXELL.

Jonas Reitz, son of Lawrence, of Lynnport, Pa., born May 1, 1796; died June 10, 1861; married 2nd., Barbara Smith, widow of Solomon Troxell, and their home became also the home of the Troxell children.

SOLOMON TROXELL, of Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., died 1836, and is buried on the old cemetery at the New Tripoli Church, Lehigh Co., Pa.; married Barbara Smith, born Sept. 26, 1804, d. May 18, 1880, buried at New Tripoli Church, daughter of Abraham Smith, who lived about a mile northeast of Pleasant Corner (Jordan), Pa. They lived in Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., and had four children:

1. **Levi Troxell,** soldier in the Civil War, died shortly after the war, in 1865, in Whiteside Co., Ill., where he is buried.
2. **Liweine Troxell,** b. Oct. 11, 1825; d. Feb. 9, 1846, buried at New Tripoli Church, where a tombstone marks her grave; married July 23, 1844, John F. Follweiler (Shoemaker John), of Jacksonville, Pa.
3. **Benjamin Franklin Troxell,** b. Apr. 2, 1831; d. Sept. 9, 1902.
4. **Alfram Troxell,** d. young.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TROXELL, son of Solomon and Barbara (Smith) Troxell, born in

Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., Apr. 2, 1831; d. Sept. 9, 1902, buried in Rays Church Cemetery, Union Co., Pa.; married Mary Ann Snyder, born in Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., Aug. 13, 1838, d. Mar. 11, 1921, buried in Rays Church Cemetery, Union Co., Pa., daughter of John and Magdalena (Fenstermaker) Snyder of Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa. They lived on their farm at Hardleton, Union Co., Pa., where they pursued farming, and had four children:

1. **William Henry Troxell,** b. July 14, 1867.
2. **Charles Milton Troxell,** b. Aug. 13, 1869.
3. **Annie M. Troxell,** b. Mar. 20, 1871.
4. **Clinton Snyder Troxell,** b. Oct. 16, 1872.

WILLIAM HENRY TROXELL, son of Benjamin Franklin and Mary Ann (Snyder) Troxell, born at Hardleton, Pa., July 14, 1867; married June 15, 1887, Emma M. Hufford, born Aug. 25, 1865, d. Dec. 9, 1918. He is Reformed, a salesman, and has his home at 132 North Marshall St., Shamokin, Pa. They had four children:

1. **Frank L. Troxell,** b. June 10, 1889.
2. **Merrill A. Troxell,** b. Feb. 10, 1894.
3. **Ralph H. Troxell,** b. Nov. 29, 1896.
4. **William Blaine Troxell,** b. July 17, 1898.

FRANK L. TROXELL, son of William Henry and Emma M. (Hufford) Troxell, born June 10, 1889; married Naoma Edwards. They live at 826 Franklin St., Johnstown, Pa.

MERRILL A. TROXELL, son of William Henry and Emma M. (Hufford) Troxel, born Feb. 10, 1894; married Mar. 31, 1920, Nellie B. Dockey, born Jan. 13, 1895. They live at 130 North Eighth St., Shamokin, Pa., and have one son:

Robert Merrill Troxell, b. Apr. 25, 1923.

RALPH HERBERT TROXELL, son of William Henry and Emma M. (Hufford) Troxell, of Shamokin, Pa., born Nov. 29, 1896; married Sept. 15, 1922, Mabel Hurley Boulger. He is a salesman, and Reformed. They live at 1023 Amherst Road, Massillon, Ohio, and have one child:

Mary Patricia Troxell, b. Mar. 17, 1924.

WILLIAM BLAINE TROXELL, son of William Henry and Emma M. (Hufford) Troxell, of Shamokin, Pa., born July 17, 1898; married Apr. 27, 1922, Grace B. Evans, born July 26, 1897. They live at Shamokin, Pa., and have two children:

1. **Elizabeth Ann Troxell,** b. May 1, 1923.
2. **William Blaine Troxell, Jr.,** b. Oct. 2, 1926.

CHARLES MILTON TROXELL, son of Benjamin Franklin and Mary Ann (Snyder) Troxell, born at Hardleton, Union Co., Pa., Aug. 13, 1869; married Oct. 8, 1898, Mahala Regina Shannor. He is a merchant and Reformed. They live at Shamokin, Pa., and have three children:

1. **Sara Eva Troxell,** b. Nov. 30, 1902.
2. **Charles Wayne Troxell,** b. Dec. 15, 1904.
3. **Pauline Ada Troxell,** b. May 9, 1909.

ANNIE M. TROXELL, daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Mary Ann (Snyder) Troxell, born at Hardleton, Pa., Mar. 20, 1871; married Oct. 12, 1893, Charles Hassinger, of Mifflinburg, Pa., an automobile mechanic. They are Reformed, live at Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa., and have five children:

1. **Mary E. Hassinger,** b. May 23, 1894; (m. Oct. 1917, Charles Aubrey DeLong, are Reformed, have one son and three daughters).

2. **Aaron Stanley Hassinger,** b. Aug. 28, 1895, (m. May 1921, Rubie Marty, are Reformed. have one son and two daughters).

3. **Mae Alma Hassinger,** b. Sept. 21, 1899; d. Mar. 11, 1900.

4. **Sara Anna Hassinger,** b. Jan. 17, 1904; (m. June 19, 1928, Rev. Harland D. Fague, a Lutheran clergyman, have one daughter).

5. **Owen Elwood Hassinger,** b. Nov. 29, 1913.

CLINTON SNYDER TROXELL, son of Benjamin Franklin and Mary Ann (Snyder) Troxell, born at Lewisburg, Pa., Oct. 16, 1872; married Mar. 14, 1894, Anna Elizabeth Shively. He is a road foreman, and Reformed. They live near Shamokin, Pa., (R. D. 1), and have nine children:

1. **Maude Troxell,** b. July 14, 1896; (m. Jacob Engle, have children: **Paul Alfred, Richard Roland, Ruth Louise, Anna Kathryn, Mildred Elizabeth** and **George Clinton**).

2. **Paul Troxell,** b. Dec. 15, 1897; (m. Clara Walter, have children: **Helen Marie** and **Mary Ellen**).

3. **Mary Troxell,** b. Apr. 5, 1899; (m. A. W. Lewis, have son, **Robert Clinton**).

4. **George Troxell,** b. Aug. 18, 1900; (m. Helen Moore).

5. **Fred Troxell,** b. Oct. 30, 1903; (m. Evelyn Weikle, have children: **Thomas Bernard, Kenneth Arlington, Virginia,** and **Joyce Elaine**).

6. **Mabel Troxell,** b. Feb. 6, 1906; (m. Russell Frederick, have children: **Russell A. Jr.,** and **Ramona**).

7. **Clair Troxell,** b. Sept. 25, 1908.

8. **Ray Troxell,** b. Mar. 28, 1910.

9. **John Sherman Troxell,** d. in infancy.

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POLLY (RACHEL) SMITH, sister of Barbara Smith (who married first Solomon Troxell and second Jonas Reitz), born near Pleasant Corner (Jordan), Pa., Jan. 5, 1812; d. Nov. 21, 1871; married Solomon Frederick. Were farmers near Mertztown, Pa., and had children: **Beneville, Solomon, James, Aaron, Allen, Sarah** (m. James Smith) and **Elizabeth** (m. A. J. Breinig).

BENEVILLE FREDERICK, son of Solomon and Polly (Smith) Frederick, lived in Allentown, Pa., married, 1st., Caroline Benner; no issue. Married, 2nd., Mary Sellers, had son **William J.,**

(m. Ellen Grim, live at 427 Greenwich St., Reading, Pa., and have three daughters). Married, 3rd., Sarah Ritter, had four children:

1. **Frank H.**, b. Dec. 9, 1862; (m. June 1886, Jemima A. Daubert, live in Allentown, Pa., have three children: **Margaret**, (d. 1890), **Herbert** and **Samuel**).

2. **Joseph**, b. July 8, 1866; (m. May 9, 1889, Hannah A. Lawfer, live in Allentown, Pa., have son, **Edward L.**).

3. **Charles**, b. July 8, 1868; d.; (m. Oct. 24, 1889, Catharine J. Boyer, had children: **Stanley C.**, **Helen C.**, and **Joseph B.**, d. Aug. 12, 1914).

4. **Sallie R. A.**, (m. Oct. 11, 1894, (John S. Sefing, live at 2430 Walnut St., Allentown, Pa., have children: **Katharine J.**, **Frederick G.** and **Paul F.**).

SOLOMON FREDERICK, son of Solomon and Polly (Smith) Frederick; married 1864, Rebecca Keck, lived in Allentown, Pa., and had four children: **Loeda**, **Alice**, d.; **Marie**, d.; and **Mrs. Martin Creitz**, d.

APPENDIX II

Pioneer Johan George Reitz

of near Rebuck, Pa.

At the Swabian Creek

Northumberland County, Pa.

PIONEER JOHAN GEORGE REITZ, progenitor of most of the Reitz people of Northumberland and adjacent counties of Pennsylvania, was a brother of Johan Friedrich Reitz, the ancestor of most of the Reitz's of Lehigh and adjacent counties of Pennsylvania, of whose descendants this book is mostly written. Johan George Reitz was a son of Johannes Peter (also called Hans Peter, Johann Peter, or only Peter) and Magdalena (Weygand) Reitz, of Lohrhaupten, District of Gelnhausen, in the Province of Hessen-Nassau, Germany. The country district is several miles east of the city of Hanau, to which it formerly belonged, and about 40 miles east of the large city of Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany. For more description refer to the beginning of this book under the subjects "Native Land" and "Genealogy" of Johan Friedrich Reitz, which applies also to him. He was born at Lohrhaupten, Gelnhausen, Hessen-Nassau, Germany, Feb. 5, 1726, as the Lutheran Church Records show at that place; and which also show, that in addition to his brother Johan Friedrich Reitz, there were yet three other brothers. He also emigrated to Pennsylvania and sailed on the Ship Duke of Bedford, and landed at Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 14, 1751, as the Penna. Archives at Harrisburg, Pa., show; where an examination disclosed that in taking the Oath of Allegiance he made his mark to his name which the clerk misspelled "Ritz" instead of "Reitz." Some time later he settled on

a large farm at the Swabian Creek, about half a mile east of what is now Himmels Church, near Rebuck, Northumberland Co., Pa., Penna Archive show land warrants by George Reitz in Northumberland Co., Oct. 14, 1772, 200 acres; Sept. 16, 1773, 50 acres. He and his wife engaged in farming, and at death were buried on their farm. They had a family of sons and daughters. We have record of two:

1. **Andreas Reitz,** b. Jan. 1, 1755; d. Mar. 16, 1837.

2. **Michael Reitz,** b. Jan. 1757; d. Dec. 17, 1825.

They were Lutherans, and it is reported they were instrumental in organizing and building the original Himmels Church, near Rebuck, Pa. Evidence points to their influence and prominent religious character, because two large tombstones mark their graves in the first row near the Himmels Church in the Church Cemetery.

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ANDREAS REITZ, son of the Pioneer Johan George Reitz, born in Washington Township, Northumberland Co., Pa., Jan. 1, 1755; d. Mar. 16, 1837, buried at the Himmels Church; married Maria Margaretha Brosius, born May 17, 1761, d. Oct. 20, 1826, buried at Himmels Church. They occupied the homestead of his father, engaged in farming and had ten children:

1. **George.**
2. **Jacob.**
3. **Johan Nicholas.**
4. **Philip.**
5. **John.**
6. **Margaret,** m. Daniel Hoch.
7. **Lydia,** m. Michael Smith.
8. **Susanna,** m. George Tryon.
9. **Daughter.**
10. **Daughter.**

JACOB REITZ, son of Andreas (son of Pioneer Johan George) born in Washington Township, Jan. 30, 1782; d. Sept. 26, 1838, buried at St. Peters Church, Mahanoy, Pa.; married Anna Maria Hepler, 1784-1857. They were farmers near Mahanoy, Pa., and had eleven children:

1. **Jacob,** Jefferson Co., Pa., b. Nov. 26, 1803; d. Jan. 26, 1877.
2. **Benjamin,** Washington Township.
3. **Isaac H.,** Mahanoy, Pa.
4. **Zetic.**
5. **Joseph,** Trevorton, Pa.
6. **Samuel.**
7. **Daniel,** Little Mahanoy Township.
8. **Katie,** m. John Fegley.
9. **Maricha,** m. George Miller, Jefferson Co., Pa.
10. **Lydia,** m. Henry Dressler, Centre Co., Pa.
11. **Susanna,** m. Zartman, Schuylkill Co., Pa.

JACOB REITZ, son of Jacob and Anna Maria (Hepler) Reitz, of Mahanoy, Pa., born Nov. 26, 1803; d. Jan. 26, 1877; married Elizabeth Wagner, born July 20, 1803, d. Nov. 27, 1887. They lived near Brookville, Jefferson Co., Pa., and had nine children:

1. **Hannah Reitz,** b. Sept. 1, 1825; d. Nov. 12, 1826.
2. **Sarah Ann Reitz,** b. Nov. 12, 1826; d. Aug. 1907; (m. Tobias Lankard, had children: **Frances, Benjamin** and **Joseph**).
3. **Manuel W. Reitz,** b. Dec. 1829; d. Mar. 12, 1907.
4. **Edward Reitz,** b. Sept. 1, 1831; d. May 26, 1902.
5. **Aaron Reitz,** b. Aug. 7, 1834; d.
6. **Jonathan Reitz,** b. Feb. 10, 1836; d. June 16, 1887.
7. **Anna Maria Reitz,** b. Feb. 26, 1838; d.
8. **Benjamin Reitz,** b. Feb. 23, 1841; d. Dec. 28, 1815.
9. **William Reitz,** b. Feb. 10, 1844; d. Oct. 25, 1851.

EDWARD REITZ, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Wagner) Reitz, of Jefferson Co., Pa., born Sept. 1, 1831; d. May 26, 1902; married Sarah Spare, born 1841, d. 1901. They lived at Brookville, Jefferson Co., Pa., and had thirteen children:

1. **Amanda Mary Reitz,** b. Nov. 5, 1859; d. Feb. 17, 1861.

2. **Ralph Butler Reitz,** b. Oct. 3, 1861.

3. **Gilmore Curtin Reitz,** b. Mar. 14, 1863.

4. **Emma Cora Reitz,** b. Aug. 2, 1864; m. William Stewart Weaver.

5. **Clara Etta Reitz,** b. Apr. 22, 1866; d. Feb. 6, 1872.

Ella Minta Reitz, b. Mar. 31, 1868; d. Feb. 15, 1926.

7. **Letitia Reitz,** b. Jan. 26, 1870; d. Feb. 15, 1929; (m. William Johns, had children: **Helen Bernice** (m. Brosius); **Mary** (m. Schick); and **Ralph Stewart**).

8. **Edward Armor Reitz,** b. May 4, 1872; d. Feb. 17, 1874.

9. **Ladd Manuel Reitz,** b. Apr. 10, 1874; has children: **Ladd Brosius** and **Samuel Edward.**

10. **Joseph Spare Reitz,** b. Mar. 26, 1876; has children: **Joseph Edward** and **Thomas Edward Halfpenny.**

11. **Sara Clarissa Reitz,** b. Oct. 4, 1877.

12. **Harry Webster Reitz,** b. Dec. 27, 1878; has children: **Sara Elizabeth, Robert Harry, Jack Richard** and **Rose Eugene.**

13. **Richard Eugene Reitz,** b. June 24, 1880.

RALPH BUTLER REITZ, A.B., D.D.S., oldest son of Edward and Sarah (Spare) Reitz, of Brookville, Pa., born Oct. 3, 1861, in Beaver Township, Jefferson Co., Pa. Taught school three winters at $22, $28 and $30 per month, walking eight miles each day to and from the school the

SIX LIVING SONS OF EDWARD REITZ, of Brookville, Pa.
Upper row—left to right: Richard Eugene Reitz, Joseph Spare Reitz, Harry Webster Reitz.
Lower row—left to right: Gilmore Curtin Reitz, Ralph Butler Reitz, Ladd Manuel Reitz.

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first term and six miles the second and third terms. Attended preparatory schools—Belleview Academy, Chamberlain Institute and Grove City Academy, now Grove City College. Entered Allegheny College, fall of '85 and graduated in '89 with degree A.B. Graduated Dental Department, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa., 1897, when he was one of two receiving honorable mention in a class of 89 students. He was president of the class of '96. He had also taken a one year course in medicine in Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York City in '89 and '90. Attended school ten years of the fourteen, following fall of '83, for which he earned all expenses except $1177, which he paid back later to his father who furnished it. Located in New York City, Nov. '97, practiced dentistry there for thirty-one years, specializing in removable crown and bridge work and high grade plate work, with patients from all parts of the United States and Canada. Member of Lotos Club for twenty-five years; lived in club house for twenty-one years, with office at 576 Fifth Avenue, New York City. He retired from practice in August 1929 to Broadacres, Brookville, Jefferson Co., Pa. He lives at Brookville, Pa., where he is president of the Broadacres Fruit Farm, where several thousand apple trees are under scientific cultivation and care, of which 4000 in the sixteenth year of their growth are expected to yield 40,000 bushels, even at a half crop. He is a good representative of the

sturdy, working, thrifty and intelligently persevering Reitz Clan.

GILMORE CURTIN REITZ, son of Edward and Sarah (Spare) Reitz, of Jefferson Co., Pa., born in Brookville, Pa., Mar. 14, 1863. At the age of 17 he became clerk in his father's store at Stanton, Pa. As a Republican, he was elected County Treasurer 1900 to 1902, and Recorder of Deeds and Clerk of Orphans' Court, 1903 to 1905, of Jefferson Co., Pa. He is the leading personality of the Reitz Furniture Co., a large business firm in Brookville, Pa., which was established in 1907, in partnership with his cousin Rufus G. Reitz, to which firm were added Aaron M. Reitz and Edward H. Reitz in 1917. He always took an active interest in community affairs, a member and trustee of the First Methodist Church, a director in the Y. M. C. A. for twenty-five years until 1928; a director of Brookville Title and Trust Co. since its organization in 1903 and vice-president since 1926. With a limited education and close application he has been very successful in his many and various undertakings and has proven himself a worthy representative of an honored Reitz Family.

He married, 1st., in 1888, Minnie Houpt, d. Apr. 1, 1904, daughter of Rev. William Houpt, and they had five children:

1. Ruth Rixanna Reitz, m. M. L. Hanegriff, lived at 1968 Guilford Road, Columbus, Ohio.

2. **Florence Christine Reitz,** m. Fred. L. Cooley.

3. **Edward Houpt Reitz.**

4. **William Orlando Reitz.**

5. **Margaret Hanna Reitz,** m. Louis A. Miller, live at 684 Walnut St., Meadville, Pa.

Gilmore Curtin Reitz married, 2nd., 1910, Ethel Rue, daughter of the late Rev. J. W. Rue, of Central Penna. M. E. Conference. They live in Brookville, Jefferson Co., Pa.

AARON REITZ, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Wagner) Reitz, of Jefferson Co., Pa., born Aug. 7, 1834; d. ;married Matilda Spare, b. 1832, d. 1923. Their children are: **Benjamin, Wilhelmina, Alice** (m. Thomas); **Elizabeth** (m. Baughman); **Charles** and **Daisy** (m. Everett Reitz, live at Pansy, Jefferson Co., Pa.).

JONATHAN REITZ, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Wagner) Reitz, of Jefferson Co., Pa., born Feb. 10, 1836; d. June 16, 1887; married Polly Strawcutter. Their children are: **James, Jacob, Adaline** (m. Wolfgang), **Clara** (m. Shaffer), and **Emery,** of Pansy, Pa.

ANNA MARIA REITZ, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Wagner) Reitz, of Jefferson Co., Pa., born Feb. 26, 1838; d.; married Samuel Thomas. Their children are: **Alvin, Nathan, Emma** (m. Huber), **Agnes** (m. McGarey, live at Greenville,

Pa.), **Rebecca** (m. Owen), **Benjamin,** of Greenville, Pa., and **Elizabeth** (m. Jordan).

BENJAMIN W. REITZ, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Wagner) Reitz, of Jefferson Co., Pa., born Feb. 23, 1841; d. Dec. 28, 1914; married Rebecca Spare, born Nov. 13, 1848, d. Aug. 28, 1910. They had six children:

1. **Adelia Reitz,** b. Jan. 8, 1867; d. June 18, 1867.
2. **Bertha Reitz,** b. Feb. 20, 1868; m. Dr. Barrett, live at Brookville, Pa.; have children: **Meigs** and **Rebecca** (m. C. J. Borden).
3. **Henry Orvil Reitz,** b. July 21, 1868; d. Nov. 2, 1875.
4. **Rufus Gordon Reitz,** b. Oct. 23, 1873; member of Reitz Furniture Co., of Brookville, Pa., and has children: **Lois, Donald** and **Fred.**
5. **Aaron Milo Reitz,** b. Nov. 18, 1877; member of Reitz Furniture Co., Brookville, Pa.
6. **Jessica Reitz,** b. Aug. 8, 1888; m. John G. Thompson, 953, Jackman Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

MARICHA REITZ, daughter of Jacob and Anna Maria (Hepler) Reitz, of near Mahanoy, Pa.; married George Miller, lived at Sprankle Mills, Jefferson, Co. Pa., and had ten children:

1. **Eli Miller,** b. Nov. 30, 1833; d. Mar. 4, 1929.
2. **Jacob Miller.**
3. **Jemima Miller,** d.; m. John Dinger.
4. **Susan Miller,** d.; m. John Bell.
5. **Mary Miller,** d.; m. David Slagle.

6. **Henry Miller**, m. Harl.
7. **George Miller**, d., unmarried.
8. **Daniel Miller.**
9. **Kate Miller**, m. Adam Reybuck.
10. **John Miller**, m. Mowrey.

ELI MILLER, son of George and Maricha (Reitz) Miller, of Sprankle Mills, Jefferson Co., Pa., born Nov. 30, 1833; d. Mar. 4, 1929, buried at Oliveburg, Pa., m. Rebecca Marshall, was blacksmith and farmer, lived at Oliveburg, Pa. and had six children:

1. **Delvin**, b. June 10, 1859; d.; m.
2. **Anna A.**, b. Sept. 17, 1861; m. C. M. Leavitt, Caldwell, Idaho; had children: **Noel** and **Twila**, both married.
3. **William**, b. Feb. 2, 1864; unmarried, Sheridan, Wyoming.
4. **Edgar**, b. Jan. 22, 1867; d.
5. **Sarah C.**, b. Apr. 20, 1869; d. Feb. 20, 1889; m. Feb. 20, 1886, C. C. Jordan, have children: **Max D.** and **Ella M.**, both married.
6. **Margaret**, b. Nov. 10, 1871; d. 1889; m. John Morris; no issue.

Eli Miller married, 2nd., Susan Anna McKee; d., and buried at Oliveburg, Pa. Had three children:

1. **Charles M.**, b. Oct. 16, 1873; m. Carrie Williams, have two children: **Margaret** (m. Leonard Esch) and **Mary Louise.**
2. **Rev. George C.**, b. Apr. 1, 1878.
3. **Maude**, b. 1883; d.; m. G. Adamson.

REV. GEORGE C. MILLER, Ph.B., D.D., B. S.T., son of Eli and Susan Anna (McKee) Miller, of Oliveburg, Jefferson Co., Pa., born Apr. 1, 1878. Graduated at Missouri Valley College, 1904, and Western Theological Seminary, 1907, and became Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Butler, Pa., July 1, 1907, where he has continued very successfully to date. In 1927, the Twentieth Anniversary of his pastorate was celebrated, when his church had 1100 members, with many praiseworthy religious activities.

Degrees received by Dr. Miller: Ph.B., Missouri Valley College, 1904; Diploma, Western Theological Seminary, 1907; D.D., Missouri Valley College, 1920; B. S.T., Western Theological Seminary, 1927.

He married Sept. 12, 1904, Alice Newton. They live at 609 East Pearl St., Butler, Pa., and have four children:

1. **Catherine V. Miller,** b. May 1, 1908.

2. **Sara Elizabeth Miller,** b. June 2, 1911; d. May 28, 1915.

3. **George Crawford Miller, Jr.,** b. Apr. 1, 1914; d. Nov. 9, 1917.

4. **Robert Newton Miller,** b. Feb. 22, 1919.

Rev. George C. Miller, D.D., B.S.T., with his pleasing and unassuming manners, highly intelligent acquirements and marked religious achievements, is a worthy representative of his branch of the hardy descendants of Pioneer Johan George Reitz, who settled and lived in the eighteenth

century at the Swabian Creek, near Rebuck, Northumberland Co., Pa.

SAMUEL REITZ, son of Jacob and Anna Maria (Hepler) Reitz, farmer in Little Mahanoy Township, buried at St. Peters Church, Mahanoy, Pa.; m., 1st., Kate Reed, had 3 children: **Katie, Mary** and **Daniel.** Married 2nd Harriet Jones, b. 1820, d. 1883, had two children:

1. **James Reitz,** b. July 1, 1857; lives in Sunbury, Pa.
2. **Isaac J. Reitz,** b. July 1, 1863; prosperous business man of Sunbury, Pa.; m. 1882, Annie Arnold, have one daughter: **Maud May** (m. William Conrad).

ISAAC H. REITZ, son of Jacob and Anna Maria (Hepler) Reitz, born at Mahanoy, Pa., Sept. 10, 1818; d. Nov. 14, 1894, buried at St. Peters Church, Mahanoy, Pa.; married, 1st., Lydia Lenker. He was a carpenter, undertaker and farmer, and they had three children:

1. **Gilbert,** d., Mt. Carmel, Pa.
2. **Caroline,** m. Levius Keeler.
3. **Lewis,** d., Olean, N. Y.

Isaac H. Reitz, married, 2nd., Susan Miller, b. 1827; d. June 24, 1899, and they had nine children:

1. **Reuben,** d.
2. **Lovina,** m. 1st., Edward Kuntz; 2nd., Morris Reitz.

3. **Galen.**
4. **Lydia,** m. William Kiehl.
5. **John,** m. Alice Bingaman.
6. **Jane,** d., m. Isaiah Wetzel.
7. **Benjamin Franklin.**
8. **Ellen,** m. Benj. W. Stepp.
9. **Samuel,** d. young.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN REITZ, of Sunbury, Pa., son of Isaac H. (son of Jacob, son of Andreas, son of Johan George) and Susan (Miller) Reitz, born in Washington Township, Northumberland Co., Pa., Sept. 8, 1868; graduate of Kutztown State Normal School, 1890, and of Poughkeepsie Business College. He was Deputy Prothonotary of Northumberland Co., Pa., and bookkeeper for the Sunbury Trust and Safe Deposit Co., of which he is now secretary and treasurer. Married, 1901, Emma L. Reed, and they have one adopted son, **Clyde,** b. 1901.

PHILIP REITZ, son of Andreas (son of Johan George) b. Feb. 4, 1805; d. Sept. 1, 1875; m. Anna Wagner, b. Oct. 5, 1807, d. Feb. 22, 1866. Both are buried at Himmels Church. They owned and lived on a farm in Washington Township, Northumberland Co., Pa., and had ten children:

1. **Daniel,** Tower City, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
2. **Jacob,** Washington Township.
3. **Harrison,** Lower Augusta Township.
4. **Peter,** killed in Civil War.

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5. **Andrew**, Oklahoma.
6. **Elias**, died young.
7. **Eliza**, m. Samuel Reitz.
8. **Mary**, m. Frank Rebuck.
9. **Susan**, m. Emanuel Conrad.
10. **Lydia**, died young.

HARRISON REITZ, son of Philip (son of Andreas of Johan George), born Jan. 18, 1835; m. Sarah Reitz, daughter of Henry Reitz, farmer in Lower Augusta Township; have seven children:

1. **Edward**, d. infancy.
2. **Jane**, m. Wilson Raker.
3. **Joseph**, unmarried.
4. **Henry I.**, m. Allie Raker.
5. **Abia**, m. Herman Drumheller.
6. **Son**, d. infacny.
7. **William**, unmarried.

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MICHAEL REITZ SR., the other son of Pioneer Johan George Reitz, at the Swabian Creek, Northumberland Co., Pa., born Jan. 1757; d. Dec. 17, 1825; m. Elizabeth Rebuck, b. 1766, d. Dec. 18, 1853. Both are buried at Himmels Church. They were devout Lutherans; he was the building master of the second or stone Himmels Church in 1818. Were farmers near Rebuck, Pa., and had ten children:

1. **Michael, Jr.**
2. **Peter**, Juniata Co., Pa.

3. **William,** Jefferson Co., Pa.
4. **Daniel,** lived on the old homestead.
5. **Jonathan,** lived on the old homestead.
6. **Henry,** Washington Township.
7. **George,** Jefferson, Co. Pa.
8. **John,** Jefferson Co., Pa.
9. **Bevvy,** m. Johan George Reed.
10. **Christina,** m. Michael Hetrick.

MICHAEL REITZ, JR., (also called Johan Michael), son of Michael Reitz, Sr. (son of Johan George), born in Washington Township, Northumberland Co., Pa., Aug. 12, 1785; d. July 28, 1874; married Magdalena Eister, b. Feb. 27, 1788, d. Oct. 12, 1846, both buried at Himmels Church; were farmers in Washington Township, and had six children:

1. **Peter,** Rockefeller Township.
2. **Abraham,** Little Mahanoy Township.
3. **Christianna,** m. Michael Hoch.
4. **David,** Washington Township.
5. **Leonard,** Washington Township.
6. **Jonas.**

DAVID REITZ, son of Michael Reitz, Jr. (son of Michael, Sr., son of Pioneer Johan George), of Washington Township, whose son William married Susanna Raker. He was a merchant at Greenbrier, Pa., and they had four children:

1. **Katie,** m. G. M. Houghton, Shamokin, Pa.
2. **John Lewis,** b. 1876.

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3. **David W.**
4. **Charles J.**, b. Apr. 30, 1884.

DANIEL REITZ, son of Michael, Sr., son of Johan George, born near Rebuck, Pa., Aug. 11, 1804; d. Jan. 9, 1886; married Susanna Burrell, b. June 10. 1810, d. Jan. 12, 1881. Both are buried at Himmels Church. Were farmers on the old homestead, and had ten children:

1. **Maria**, m. Elias Rebuck.
2. **Jonathan B.**, d. in Missouri.
3. **Samuel B.**
4. **Katie**, m., 1st., Godfried Rebuck; 2nd., Andrew Rebuck.
5. **John B.**, Nebraska.
6. **Salome**, m. Milton Drumheller.
7. **Elizabeth**, m. Jared Snyder.
8. **Michael B.**, Washington Township.
9. **Leonard B.**, Nebraska.
10. **Daniel B.**, Mifflintown, Pa.

SAMUEL B. REITZ, son of Daniel and Susanna (Burrell) Reitz, born 1832; d. June 29, 1906, buried at Himmels Church; married Eliza Reitz, daughter of Philip and Annie (Wagner) Reitz. He was a tailor and farmer on part of the old homestead. They had nine children:

1. **Nathan**, d. young.
2. **John R.**, Nebraska.
3. **Elias R.**, Mt. Carmel, Pa.
4. **Henry M.**, Sunbury, Pa.
5. **Mary A.**, m. William Rebuck.

6. **Andrew D.**, Jefferson Co., Pa.
7. **Susan**, m. George A. Foltz, Sunbury, Pa.
8. **George W.**, on the old homestead.
9. **Hannah A.**, unmarried, Sunbury, Pa.

ELIAS R. REITZ, of Mt. Carmel, Pa., is the son of Sameul B. (son of Daniel, son of Michael Sr., son of Pioneer Johan George) Reitz, and his wife Eliza Reitz, daughter of Philip and Annie (Wagner) Reitz, born near Rebuck, Pa., Jan. 19, 1858; married Lydia E. Kehres. He has been a school teacher five years, merchant and justice of the peace eleven years, at Rebuck, Pa., and merchant at Mt. Carmel, Pa. They are devout Christians and active members of the Lutheran Church at Mt. Carmel, Pa., where he has been the Sunday School teacher for many years. He is president of the Sunbury Reitz Reunion of the descendants of Johan George Reitz, held annually at or near Sunbury, Pa. They have their home at 234 West Third St., Mt. Carmel, Pa., and have three children:

1. **Bertha M. Reitz**, b. Oct. 23, 1886; d. Aug. 4, 1904.
2. **Mabel G. Reitz**, b. Sept. 16, 1889; d. Jan. 4, 1929; was graduate of Kutztown State Normal School.
3. **Charles H. Reitz**, b. Dec. 1, 1894; is graduate of Dickenson College, Carlisle, Pa., and lives with his parents.

GEORGE W. REITZ, of Rebuck, Pa., son of Samuel B. and Eliza (Reitz) Reitz, born near Rebuck, Pa., Sept. 7, 1869; married, June 17, 1894, Polly Geist, born Aug. 17, 1874, d. Apr. 27, 1920. He is a farmer, Lutheran, and occupies the old homestead near Rebuck, Pa. They had four children:

1. **Mazie Reitz,** b. Dec. 25, 1895; (m. Eston Scheib).
2. **Grace Reitz,** b. Feb. 18, 1899; (m. Francis Hepler).
3. **Carrie Reitz,** b. Oct. 29, 1904.
4. **Alma Reitz,** b. Mar. 29, 1910.

JOHN LEWIS REITZ, of Lewisburg, Pa., son of William (son of David, son of Michael, Jr., son of Michael Sr., son of Pioneer Johan George), and Susanna (Raker) Reitz, born near Greenbrier, Pa., in 1876; married Elizabeth Schwalm, daughter of Daniel E. and Fietta (Schlegel) Schwalm, of Hubley Township, Schuylkill Co., Pa. They live near Lewisburg, Pa., where he conducts two large farms in up-to-date scientific methods, and generally grows around 25,000 bushels of potatoes and is familiarly known as the "Potato King of the Buffalo Valley." He has constructed three gigantic practical potato cellars, two 100 feet long and 40 feet wide, and the third 80 feet long and 40 feet wide; with a total capacity of over 35,000 bushels. He is favorably and well known for his practical agricultural

methods, is an active and foremost participant in furthering many local community affairs, and is treasurer of the Sunbury Reitz Reunion. They are Presbyterian, and have eight children:

1. **William D. Reitz,** b. at Mt. Carmel, Pa.; graduate from Bucknell and Columbia College.
2. **Charles David Reitz,** b. Aug. 28, 1902.
3. **Grace V. Reitz,** b. at Mt. Carmel, Pa.
4. **Kathryn Reitz,** b. at Mt. Carmel, Pa.; graduate from Penn State College.
5. **Bessie Reitz,** b. at Mt. Carmel, Pa.; graduate from Penn State, College.
6. **Alma M. Reitz,** b. at Mt. Carmel, Pa.; registered nurse at University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., and still enrolled.
7. **Robert Reitz,** b. at Mt. Carmel, Pa., graduate from high school 1930.
8. **John Reitz,** b. at Mt. Carmel, Pa.

CHARLES DAVID REITZ, son of John Lewis and Elizabeth (Schwalm) Reitz, of Lewisburg, Pa., born at Mt. Carmel, Pa., Aug. 28, 1902; married Oct. 21, 1922, Margaret C. Moran. They live near Lewisburg, Pa., assist his father and have two children:

1. **Charles Reitz,** b. Apr. 25, 1924.
2. **Cecilia Reitz,** b. Apr. 25, 1925.

CHARLES J. REITZ, of Sunbury, Pa., son of William (son of David, son of Michael, Jr., son of Michael, Sr., son of Johan George) and Susanna

(Raker) Reitz, born at Rebuck, Pa., Apr. 30, 1884; married Mar. 17, 1903, Bertha M. Hetrick. He clerked a few years in stores at Allentown, Pa., then engaged in store business at Rebuck; later in store and hotel business at Dornsife, Pa. He is now the warden of the Northumberland Co. jail, at Sunbury, Pa. He has built a pleasant bungalow with spacious shady grounds surrounding it on the west bank of the Susquehanna River, a short distance below Sunbury, Pa. They have one son, **Harold W.**

HENRY REITZ, son of Michael, Sr., (son of Johan George), born at Swabian Creek, buried at Himmels Church, aged over 90 years; Lutheran, and farmer in Lower Augusta and Washington Townships; married, 1st., Bechtel, and they had one child: **Lovina.** Married, 2nd., Maria Dunkleberger, b. Dec. 23, 1803, d. Jan. 3, 1863, and they had three children:

1. **Sarah Reitz.**

2. **Adam D. Reitz,** b. May 6, 1836; d. Mar. 22, 1885; m. Mary Raker, had three children: **William H., Dennis** and **Galen.**

3. **Joseph Reitz.** b. 1843, at Fishers Ferry, Pa.; d. Jan. 21, 1908, buried at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Little Mahanoy Township; was farmer and merchant at Dornsife, Pa.; married Catherine Peifer and had six children: **Daniel** (d. 1900); **Alvin P., George,** (Dornsife); **Edward,** (Dornsife); **Joseph,** (Shamokin); **Gertrude.**

ALVIN P. REITZ, son of Joseph (son of Henry, son of Michael, Sr., son of Johan George) and Catherine (Pfeifer) Reitz, born at Mine Run, Pa., in 1867; attended Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa.; was engaged in contracting and building; was general manager of the East End Lumber Co., a large business concern of Shamokin, Pa.; married Tamie Zartman, daughter of Jacob Zartman of Shamokin, Pa. They live at Shamokin, Pa., and have one son, **Harry Elwood Reitz,** b. 1901.

GEORGE REITZ, son of Michael (son of Pioneer Johan George), and Elizabeth (Rebuck) Reitz, of near Rebuck, Northumberland Co., Pa., lived in Jefferson Co., Pa., and had children: **George, Godfrey, Jacob** and **Daniel.**

JOHN REITZ, son of Michael (son of Pioneer Johan George) and Elizabeth (Rebuck) Reitz, of near Rebuck, Northumberland Co., Pa., lived in Jefferson, Co. Pa., and had children: **Isaac, Peter R., Michael** and **Harry.**

WILLIAM REITZ, son of Michael (son of Pioneer Johan George) and Elizabeth (Rebuck) Reitz, of near Rebuck, Northumberland Co., Pa., lived in Jefferson Co., Pa., and had nine children: **Levi, Peter L., Daniel, Morris** (still living), **Jonathan, Caroline** (m. Howe), **Margaret** (m. Shaffer), **Lydia** (m. Spare), **Susan** (m. Swab).

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MORRIS REITZ, son of William Reitz, who was the son of Michael and Elizabeth (Rebuck) Reitz, of near Rebuck, Northumberland Co., Pa., is yet living at Brookville, Pa., and has eight children:

1. **Manerva Reitz,** m., 1st., Frank Chles, d., had children: **Floda,** d. and **Pearle;** m., 2nd., John Fenstermaker.
2. **Clara Reitz,** m. J. C. Chles, had son, **Wilbur.**
3. **Belle Reitz,** m., 1st., Harry Smith, d.; m., 2nd., Parker McKinley.
4. **Amanda Reitz,** d.
5. **Turney Reitz.**
6. **John Reitz,** d. Mar. 16, 1927, had daughter **Grace.**
7. **Blair Reitz,** has children: **Ina** and **Dawson.**
8. **Homer Reitz,** of Brookville, Pa., has children: **Mary, Paul** and **Fred.**

An abstract and lineage has been presented here of Johan George Reitz's descendants who are also very numerous. The data and records are not now on hand for more description, all of which is left for a future and more complete edition. During the recent past years the descendants of the two brothers Johan Friedrich Reitz, of Lehigh Co., Pa., and Johan George Reitz, of Northumberland Co., Pa., have very agreeably made the acquaintance and association of each other, and many of both clans attend joyfully both Reitz Reunions held annually at New Tripoli, Pa., and at Sunbury, Pa.

OTHER REITZ FOLKS. Besides the many Reitz descendants of Johan Friedrich Reitz and Johan George Reitz mentioned in this book, there are many other Reitz people in the United States, and it seems the ancestors of many of them lived also for centuries in that Gelnhausen Province, Hessen-Nassau, Germany, which was no doubt, the ancestral home of the Reitz Clan for centuries. The following extract of a letter from Rev. George Reitz, 90 years old, is self-explanatory: "All I can say is that my father and grandfather and their forefathers belonged to the original stock of Gelnhausen Reitz's to which you belong. My father, Rev. Nicholas Reitz, and my grandfather, came to America about 1834, directly from the province of Gelnhausen to Illinois. They and their forefathers lived in a small village (Dorf) in the province of Gelnhausen by the name of Biber."

APPENDIX III—Reitz Reunion

Since 1915 the descendants of Pioneer Johan Friedrich Reitz hold annually a Reitz Family Reunion at or near Ebenezer Church, or in Ontelaunee Park, New Tripoli, Pa., affording every one an opportunity to spend a happy day in union with his own kin. On which occasion the members generally bring their eatables along and in picnic style eat their dinner and supper from many tables in the beautiful grove. An eating house and refreshment stand is also in the park. There are amusements and games. Suitable badges are always on hand to adorn the members. In the afternoon a regular programme is rendered with singing, addresses and band music. The time for the reunion as fixed is always on the third Saturday in August. As a specimen the programme of last year's Reitz Reunion is presented herewith.

PROGRAMME

For

REITZ REUNION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1929

At

NEW TRIPOLI, PA.

1:00 P. M. (Standard Time)

Master of Ceremonies, Rev. J. J. Reitz, M.D., Walnutport, Pa.

Introduction - - - - - - - - - - New Tripoli Band

Invocation

Reunion Hymn—Tune "Beulah Land"—Words by Rev. J. J. Reitz, M.D.

1 We've reached the place of pure delight,
Here all our hearts in joy unite,
We are so happy and so gay,
For this is "Reitz Reunion Day."

Chorus—O happy land, sweet happy land,
Whose hills and dales are dear and grand,
Where churches, schools and homes excel,
Which ancestors helped found so well,
Our heritage long heretofore,
We sing REITZ PRAISES evermore.

2 We greet each other with a smile,
And talk so friendly all the while,
Thus all our troubles fade away,
While at this "Reitz Reunion Day."

Chorus—O happy land, sweet happy land, etc.

3 And when the parting time draws nigh,
We bid each other sweet "Good-Bye,"
Yet always hope and wish and pray
For next year "Reitz Reunion Day."

Chorus—O happy land, sweet happy land, etc.

Address of Welcome - - - - Violet Reitz, Birdsboro, Pa.

Address—Happy Reitzes - - - Fred J. Keichel, Hellertown, Pa.

Biography—Pioneer Frederick Reitz - Violet Lutz, Lynnport, Pa.

Address—Early Settlers of Lehigh Co.,
Margaret A. Philips, Germansville, Pa.

Duet—"Jesus Hears" - .Ruth and Grace Fisher, New Tripoli, Pa.

Address - - - - - - Hon Charles J. Esterly, Congressman
Sally Ann Furnace, Pa.

Address - - - - - - - - John S. Sefing, Allentown, Pa.

SINGING OF FRIEDRICH REITZ HYMN

Words by Rev. J. J. Reitz, M.D. Tune "Auld Lang Syne"

1 When Friedrich Reitz came to this land,
In sev'nteen forty-eight,
He found it wild on ev'ry hand,
And Indians fierce and great.

Chorus—
Now do we Reitzes gather strong
Reunions, as we sigh
And sing of deeds by old and young,
And times so long gone by.

2 But the first settlers never cared
What dangers they would meet;
They fought the foe, no work they spared
Till their homes were complete.

Chorus—Now do we Reitzes, etc.

3 So Pioneer Old Reitz did come,
From the old Rhine Country,
And near here made his dear old home,
For scores of progeny.

Chorus—Now do we Reitzes, etc.

4 We praise Old Reitz and others, too,
Who of his line made good;
May we all work so good and true,
And be blessed by our God.

Chorus—Now do we Reitzes, etc.

Greetings by Northumberland County Reitzes

Necrologist Report - - - - Mrs. Ida Fisher, New Tripoli, Pa.

Reading of Minutes - By the Sec'y, Dr. C. B. Reitz, Palmerton, Pa.

Report of Treasurer - - - - - D. M. Reitz, Palmerton, Pa.

Election of Officers

Announcements

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Benediction

Band Concert follows.

Amusements and Games Committee: Mrs. Dr J. J. Reitz, Chairman; Dr. C. B. Reitz, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Reitz. Mrs. Mary Bittner, Mrs. Annie Moyer, Mrs. Quilla Keichel and Luther Reitz, Conductor.

BLEST BE THE TIE

Blest be the tie that binds
  Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
  Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
  We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one
  Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,
  Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
  The sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part,
  It gives us inward pain.
But we shall still be joined in heart
  And hope to meet again.

Attendants are requested to register and get badges on entrance to grove.

ADDENDA TO PART V

Sec. 2 on Page 123.

MARY REITZ, daughter of Andreas and Anna Maria Reitz of Lynnport, Pa., married 1st, Daniel Follweiler, their children are:

1. **Owen Follweiler**, b. Feb. 10, 1844, d. Oct. 11, 1889.

2. **Emma Rebecca Follweiler**, b. April 26, 1846, d. Oct. 10, 1918, m. 1866, Abraham Neff have children: **Oscar, Ambrose, Maggie** and **Ida**, (d.).

3. **Dama Follweiler**, b. May 30, 1848; m. 1872, Charles Edwin Nuss, have children: **Alvin**, b. Feb. 2, 1873, (m. Lillie Ettinger); **Victoria**, b. July 2, 1875, (m. Harvey Schuler); **George**, b. Feb. 22, 1881, (m. Mary Loy); **Jennie**, b. May 22, 1886, (m. Fred Fegely, have children: **Erma, Anna, Mildred, Jeanetta, Frederick and Thomas**); **Anna**, b. March 23, 1889; **Charles**, b. Feb. 17, 1891, (m. Lucy Richardson, have child **Harry**); Harvey E., b. May 7, 1877, d. Feb. 14, 1906; **Clara**, b. March 2, 1884, d. 1888.

4. **Jane Amanda Follweiler**, b. Nov. 6, 1851, d. Feb. 13, 1912.

5. **Polly Follweiler**, m. William Stein.

6. **Anson Follweiler.**

7. **Mantana Follweiler**, d.; m. Nov. 20, 1877, Jacob Henry Strauser, d., have children: **Clarence L.**, b. March 8, 1879; **Hearl B.**, b. April 17, 1889; grandchildren: **Helena L.**, b. Dec. 1, 1899;

Hazel M. b. June 19, 1901; **Eleanor E.**, b. April 2, 1903; **Miriam A.**, b. May 12, 1906.

JANE AMANDA FOLLWEILER, born Nov. 6, 1851, d. Feb. 13, 1912; m. William A. Reimert, lived at New Tripoli, Pa., and had ten children:

1. Harvey Elmer Reimert, b. April 13, 1873, m. Oct. 22, 1892 Gertrude Sarah Reitz; have children: **Raymond Daniel**, b. Nov. 22, 1893, d. August 18, 1922; **Harold Earl**, b. May 17, 1906.

2. Rev. William A. Reimert, b. Feb. 7, 1876, d. June 13, 1920, Reformed Missionary in China, m. Mary Snyder, have children: **Marguerita, Kathryn, Samuel** and **William.**

3. Irene Elizabeth Reimert, b. Jan. 11, 1878, m. Oct. 1, 1904, Clinton Dennis Fetherolf, have child **Marie Jane**, b. May 14, 1907.

4. Myra Victoria Reimert, b. Nov. 15, 1880, m. Sept. 17, 1899, George F. Snyder, have child, **Madeline R.**, b. Nov. 16, 1907.

5. Daniel M. Reimert, b. March 17, 1883, d. 1890.

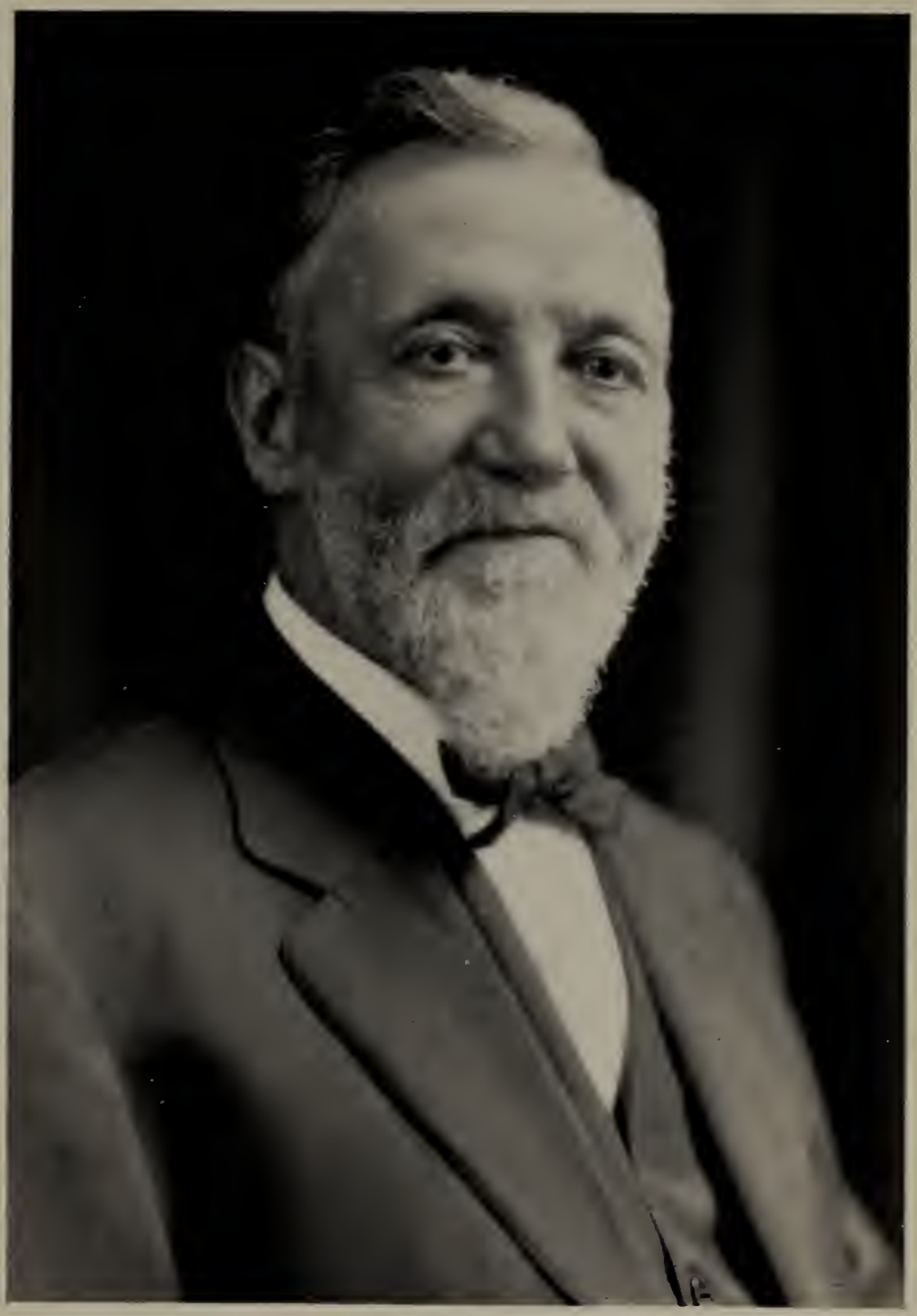
6. Barbara Laura Reimert, b. Nov. 1, 1885, m. Jan. 5, 1907 Charles Alfred Schaeffer, have six children: **Lillian I.**, b. May 25, 1908; **Alfred W.**, b. Dec. 12, 1914; **Anna R.**, b. June 28, 1916; **Paul F.**, b. Nov. 27, 1919; **Grace E.**, b. March 22, 1921; **Alma R.**, b. August 18, 1923.

7. Hattie Eva Reimert, b. March 31, 1888, m. George Weida, have children: **Marian, Willard, Dorothy, Clarence** and **George Jr.**

8. **Abner Follweiler Reimert,** b. August 1, 1890, m. Nov. 11, 1911, Dora May Hamm, have children: **Lawrence J.,** b. March 11, 1912 and **Randall W.,** b. April 8, 1914.

9. **Arlene Jane Reimert,** b. Oct. 6, 1893, m. June 11, 1915, Claude Franklin Lutz, have child **Jeanne A.,** b. Oct 17, 1924.

10. **Helen Ruth Reimert,** b. Dec. 27, 1895, m. Jan 1, 1916, Mahlon A. Hamm, have child, **Franklin A.,** b. Feb. 23, 1918.



THE AUTHOR

Finally the Author affectionately bids the indulgent and considerate Reader

"GOOD-BYE, KINDLY CALL AGAIN!"

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